

LE QUESNOY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, LE QUESNOY, FRANCE

The New Zealand Dawn Service

The Le Quesnoy Communal Cemetery Extension commemorates more than 100 First World War casualties, as well as a small number of Second World War casualties.

Germany held Le Quesnoy from August 1914 until it was liberated by the New Zealand Division on the 4th of November 1918, a week before the armistice was signed.

This was one of the most successful days of the New Zealand Division's campaign on the Western Front and the town was captured without bombardment. However the attack cost the lives of approximately 90 New Zealand soldiers, among the last of the 12,438 who died on the Western Front.

The liberation was celebrated as an extraordinary feat of arms at the end of a costly advance and the Le Quesnoy community warmly welcomes New Zealanders to this day.



Order of Service

Catafalque Guard Mounts

Announcements

Nicole Jamieson

Arrival of the Official Party

The official party is led by the New Zealand Defence Force Māori Cultural Group

National Anthems

La Marseillaise and God Defend New Zealand sung by Lance Corporal Campbell McKellar Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment

Opening Prayer

Chaplain Class Two Kevin Brophy Royal New Zealand Chaplains' Department

Anzac Address

Her Excellency Jane CoombsNew Zealand Ambassador to France

Waiata

E Te Iwi E

Performed by the New Zealand Defence Force Māori Cultural Group Reading

Commodore Ross Smith, MNZM

Royal New Zealand Navy representing the New Zealand Defence Force

Prayer for Peace

Chaplain Class Two Kevin Brophy

Royal New Zealand Chaplains' Department

Wreath Laying

The Ode

In Māori – Warrant Officer Bernard Reihana

Royal New Zealand Navy

In English - Captain Shane Arndell

Royal New Zealand Navy Defence Attaché to France

In French – A representative of the Anciens Combattants

aux Morts

Sergeant Benjamin Hunt

Royal New Zealand Air Force

Leading Aircraftman Sam MacKenzie

Royal New Zealand Air Force

Last Post

Sergeant Benjamin Hunt

Royal New Zealand Air Force

French and New Zealand Flags are lowered

Silence is Observed

Rouse

Sergeant Benjamin Hunt

Royal New Zealand Air Force

French and New Zealand Flags are raised

The Blessing

Chaplain Class Two Kevin Brophy

Royal New Zealand Chaplains' Department

Official Party Departs

The Catafalque Guard Dismounts

Members of the public are invited to lay floral tributes.







