

Royal Regiment of Artillery



Service of Remembrance

Saturday 3rd October 2020

11.00am

National Memorial Arboretum
Alrewas

Welcome: The Venerable Stephen Robbins CB

We have come here today to remember all Gunners who have died, particularly those who have fallen or who are still bearing the scars of injury caused whilst serving their country.

We also remember with love and pride all fellow members of the Royal Artillery Association who have passed away in the last year.

“We will remember them”

75 years on we acknowledge the end of WWII

Earlier this year we celebrated the end of WWII in Europe and later, in August, we similarly recognised the cessation of hostilities in the Far East on VJ Day.

In total some 29,000 Gunners died as a result of combat in the Second World War and today in this 75th year since its end, we remember and honour them especially. We also pray for those who still bear the physical and mental scars of war.

“We will remember them”

Prayers

Venerable Stephen Robbins CB

“Let us pray for our association:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto but to minister: We beseech thee to bless the members of the Royal Artillery Association who following in his steps, give themselves to the service of their fellow men; that being inspired by thy love, they may worthily minister to their comrades and their families in times of need, giving life and meaning to the claim “Once a Gunner, always a Gunner”; for the sake of the same thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.”

The Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Father, which 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 them that 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

Address

The Collect of the Royal Regiment of Artillery

All:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who dost everywhere
lead Thy people in the way of righteousness,
vouchsafe so to lead the Royal Regiment of
Artillery that wherever we serve, on land or
sea or in the air, we may win the glory of
doing Thy will.

Amen

The Royal Artillery Commemoration

Colonel MGJ Carter
Regimental Secretary

Let us remember with thanksgiving and honour
before God and man,
All Ranks of the Royal Regiment of Artillery
who have died giving their lives in the service
of their Sovereign and their Country

All:

“We will remember them”

Padre:

“The Act of Remembrance”

WOI (RASM) RR Mealand
Royal Artillery Sergeant Major

*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

SSgt N Burroughs
103rd (Lancashire Artillery Volunteers) Regiment
Royal Artillery -Band

(One Minute Silence)

The Kohima Epitaph

*When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow,
We gave our today.*

(One Minute Silence)

Reveille

Brigadier MN Pountain CBE
accompanied by Colonel SJ Shepherd MBE ADC
will lead the Wreath Laying.

Others who wish to lay wreaths will be called forward

A lament will play during the laying of wreaths

Pipe Major G Burgess

103rd (Lancashire Artillery Volunteers) Regiment
Royal Artillery -Pipes & Drums

Conclusion

The Blessing

The Venerable Stephen Robbins CB

SSgt Burroughs and Pipe Major Burgess appear by kind permission of

Commanding Officer
103rd (Lancashire Artillery Volunteers) Regiment
Royal Artillery



RA Association Forthcoming Events 2020/2021:

Events below are subject to any Covid-19 restrictions in force at the time

Ceremony of Remembrance – Hyde Park Sun 10th November

St. Barbara's Day – Larkhill Sun 6th December

***** 2021 *****

RA Gold Cup – Sandown Park Fri 12th February

NEC Meeting – Larkhill Wed 17th March

Gunner Sunday – Royal Hospital Chelsea Sun 18th April

RA Assembly – Blackpool Fri 21st – Sun 23rd May



Your association thanks you all for supporting today's service
and wishes you all a safe journey home.

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