



The Sherwood Foresters
Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.



OPENING
of the
Memorial Tower

at

Crich, Derbyshire,
Monday, 6th August, 1923, at 4 p.m.

by

General Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien
G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Colonel of the Regiment

DEDICATION

by The Rt. Revd.

The Lord Bishop of Southwell, D.D.

Chairman :

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF PORTLAND, K.G., G.C.V.O.
(Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire),

supported by

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,
K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.
(Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire).

The Great War : 1914 - 1919.

Battle Honours :

FRANCE AND FLANDERS

GALLIPOLI ... 1915-1916

ITALY ... 1918

AISNE ... 1914-1918

NEUVE CHAPELLE

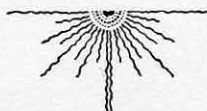
LOOS

SOMME ... 1916-1918

YPRES ... 1915-1917-1918

ST. QUENTIN CANAL

CAMBRAI ... 1917-1918



Inscription on the Tower

“To the memory of 11,409 men of all ranks of the Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment) who gave their lives for their King and their Country in the Great War, 1914-1919, and in honour of 140,000 of their Comrades who served during the War in Thirty-two Battalions of the Regiment, this Monument is gratefully erected by the People of the Counties of Nottingham and Derby.”

To remind us of their sacrifice
and our duty.

The Service.

HYMN.

The Supreme Sacrifice

by John S. Arkwright.

Band of the 1st Battalion The Sherwood Foresters.

O VALIANT Hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle-flame ;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the Land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,
As who had heard God's message from afar ;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
To save Mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
Into the light that nevermore shall fade ;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod,
Following through death the martyr'd Son of God :
Victor He rose ; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk His cup of Sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our Dead,
Whose Cross has bought them and whose Staff has
led—

In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing Land
Commits her Children to Thy gracious hand. *Amen.*

The Lesson.

Revelations, chap. xxi., verses 1—7 inclusive.

THE REV. A. STANLEY BISHOP,

Hon. Chaplain to the Forces.

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Prayers.

*Let us remember before God all those who
died for the Empire's Cause.*

O, ALMIGHTY Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, we praise Thy Name for the valour and the sacrifice of all who for our King, our Country and our Empire, laid down their lives for us. Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*And for our Comrades, who died the Death
of Honour, let us make our prayers in love and hope.*

REMEMBER in Thy Kingdom those who in the cause of Truth and Freedom were found faithful unto death. Grant that we, being encouraged by their example and their fellowship, may contend valiantly for Thy Truth and do Thy Will with steadfast faith; so that at the last we may with them enter into the joy of Thy eternal kingdom, to Whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God of Love, be praise and glory for ever. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peacefully ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who art a most strong Tower to all them that put their trust in Thee, whose only beloved Son did suffer and die for us, accept at our hands this Memorial, wherewith we commemorate the sacrifice which our brothers made; and grant that they who shall look upon it from afar may ever be mindful of the price that has been paid for their redemption, and may learn to live unto Him who died for them, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

TO the honour and glory of Almighty God and in memory of our Brothers who laid down their lives for us, and those Sherwood Foresters who served in the Great War, we dedicate this Memorial in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Pour Thy blessing, O Lord, on all who pass by or dwell around this hallowed Memorial. Grant that now and in the days to come they may be taught freely to give as these their brothers did; call them to Thy service and make them worthy of Thy calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray that we may be worthy of those who have given their lives for their country.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast made us citizens of this realm, enable us who now remain in the safety of our homes to be worthy of those who died for us. Grant us with a willing spirit to do our duty, with gladness to bear each others burdens; with undaunted faith to shed abroad in the hearts of the people both courage and good cheer that by active service we may ever be found faithful, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COMFORT, O Lord, we pray Thee, all who are mourning the loss of those near and dear to them. Be with them in their sorrows; support and cheer them with Thy love; teach them to rest and lean upon Thee; give them faith to look beyond the trouble of this present time, and to know that neither life nor death can separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, now and ever. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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.*

The Last Post.

Buglers of 1st Battalion The Sherwood Foresters.

HYMN.

Band of the 1st Battalion The Sherwood Foresters.

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of Thy Throne
Thy Saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the Same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away ;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING.

Reveille.

Buglers of the 1st Battalion The Sherwood Foresters

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF PORTLAND, K.G., G.C.V.O.

will ask

GENERAL SIR HORACE L. SMITH-DORRIEN,
G.C.B., B.C.M.G.,

to address the meeting.

Address by

General Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien,
G.C.B., B.C.M.G., D.S.O.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,
K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

will thank him on behalf of the two Counties.

Wreaths of Remembrance

Will be placed at the Foot of the Memorial by
THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS
OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION
and all UNITS that fought in THE GREAT WAR.

God Save The King.