



THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE LIBERATION OF  
LE QUESNOY

THE LAST POST CEREMONY  
THE NEW ZEALAND MEMORIAL  
4.11.18

## Programme

The New Zealand Defence Force Band  
play as members of the public arrive at the  
Garden of Memory

The French Flag Bearers March In

### The Liberation of Le Quesnoy

Euan Robertson performs 'The Liberation of  
Le Quesnoy' – composed by Euan in memory of  
the soldiers and his great uncle, the sculptor  
Alexander Fraser, who co-designed the New Zealand  
Memorial at Le Quesnoy

### Announcements

Nicole Jamieson

Please stand

### The Regimental Colour is Marched On

The Regimental Colour of the 7th Wellington  
(City of Wellington's Own) and Hawke's Bay  
Battalion carried by the 5th / 7th Battalion Royal  
New Zealand Infantry Regiment marches on to  
'Fernleaf Headstones'

### Welcome

Air Vice-Marshal Tony Davies, MNZM  
Vice Chief of New Zealand Defence Force

### Hymn – Be Still My Soul

Leading Aircraftman Barbara Graham  
New Zealand Defence Force

### Poem

Sandra McKie  
New Zealand Defence Force

### Ellen's Vigil

Benjamin Isaac Tom  
Passchendaele Ypres and Somme  
three ovals float  
on the cold wall  
plastered whiter  
than their bones,  
young, khaki'd,  
their bud-tender eyes  
premonition filled.

Ellen,  
her three boys gone,  
transplanted seventy years  
from Lurgan's linen  
no longer counts crops  
in season  
but digs, diligently, delicately,  
digs down  
further down  
her spade searching  
her garden for  
three lost sons

Thomas Isaac and Ben.

By Lorna Staveley Anker, from *The Judas Tree*,  
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### Waiata

### Pō Atarau – Now is the Hour

New Zealand Defence Force Band,  
Māori Cultural Group and  
Leading Aircraftman Barbara Graham

### Evening Prayer

Chaplain Class 4 David Julian  
New Zealand Defence Force

### The Act of Remembrance

### The Ode

#### In French

The Representative of the Anciens Combattants

#### In Māori

Lieutenant Colonel Mel Childs  
New Zealand Defence Force

#### In English

Colonel Baden Ewart (Rtd)  
The Representative of the Royal New Zealand  
Returned and Services Association



At the sounding of the Sonnerie aux Morts and  
The Last Post, personnel in uniform are to salute

### Sonnerie aux Morts

### The Last Post

The flags of the French Republic and  
New Zealand draped by the New Zealand  
Memorial are lowered

The Regimental Colour is lowered

### Silence is Observed

### The Regimental Colour is Marched Out

### Closing

Lieutenant Colonel Mel Childs  
Chaplain Class 4 David Julian  
Warrant Officer Patrick Smith, MNZM