

ARMY CHAPLAIN WHO TOOK THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR'S SECRET TO HIS GRAVE

CONTEXT

This is an article of the famous British newspaper “The Guardian” written by the reporter Maeu Kennedy on the 11th November 2014. This text respects the newspaper article model: it consists of a title, a subtitle that anticipates the text and the body of the article. It doesn't have any writer's opinion, it only consists of the narration of the facts. The article was written on the occasion of the announcement by George's son, David Kendall, of the publication of the autobiography of his father.

SYNTHESIS

The army chaplain who found the body that became “The Unknown Warrior” was called Rev George Kendall.

He was born in 1881, first became a steelworker and then trained as a Primitive Methodist minister. He participated in the First World War as a chaplain and in 1918 he took on the grim task of exhuming all the bodies buried where they fell in Belgium, from fields, ditches, and the ruins of buildings, and moving them to the new war grave cemeteries.

The article explains how the unknown warrior was chosen: the body was chosen from six bodies were taken to the headquarters at St Pol near Arras; the six coffins were placed in a hut and each one was covered with a Union Jack. In the morning a blind-general entered the hut and placed his hand on one of the coffins. The body that was inside the coffin became “The Unknown Warrior” or so it's what is explained in the George's autobiography. The identity of the unknown warrior remains unknown and George has never revealed the secret.

All we know about George has written in his autobiography founds by his family still on the desk of protagonist.

This newspaper article underlines that George Kendall was aware of a secret about the unknown warrior, but he never revealed to anyone.

The George's son can confirm this fact: he claims that his father never spoke about the secret of the unknown warrior. The only thing that George has revealed is the fact that this famous warrior was chosen among the deceases of France and Flanders and that he was English.

This article wants to remember the chaplain who attended to the choice of the famous unknown warrior and it wants to keep alive the mystery that surrounds this figure.