

**The First Battalion
The Worcestershire Regiment
North West Europe 1944-1945**



Roll of Honour

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WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM

This booklet provides details of all officers and men of the Battalion who gave their lives in World War 2 during 1944-45.

A total of 287 men died whilst in action between June 1944 and May 1945 and are buried in war graves in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Each entry gives details of full name, rank, and number. If known the company they served with is also shown below their army number.

Most war graves have some personal inscriptions with words provided by the families of the dead. Below are a few examples, which I feel best express the mood and thoughts of those left behind:

“No greater love hath no man than this. To lay down his life for his friends.”

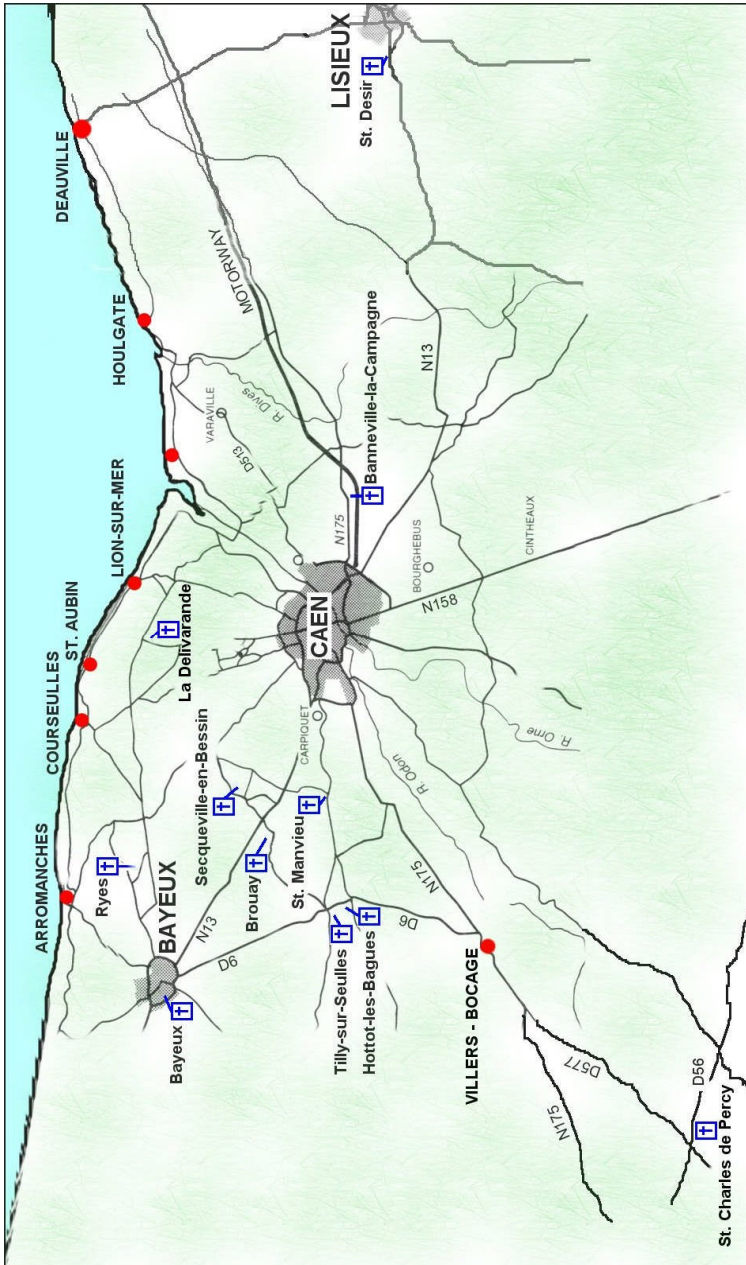
“Tranquil you lie. Your knightly virtue proved. Hallowed in the land you died R.I.P.” - from the headstone of Lance Sergeant Frank Harold Barker

“It is not life that matters. ‘Tis the courage you bring to it.” – from the headstone of Captain Cedric Alfred Humphries a Worcestershire Regiment officer Attached to 1st Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry.

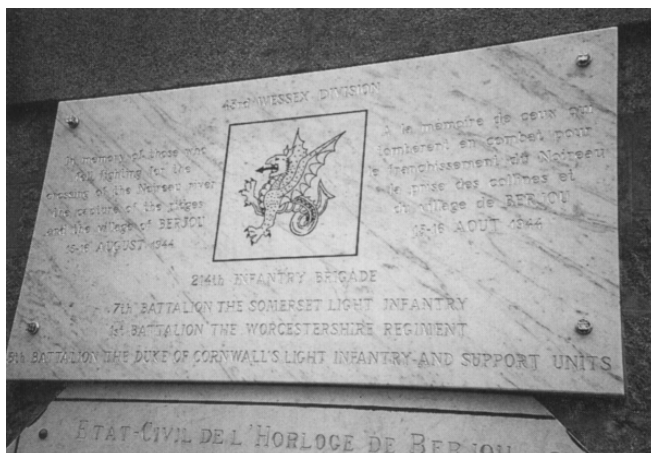
Please note a few of the officers listed in this booklet were attached to other regiments, but have been included for the completeness.

A single letter below the army number, where shown, indicates the Company they served in; i.e. D means ‘D’ Company.





Locations of war cemeteries in Normandy



43rd Wessex Memorial Plaque at Berjou, France



Memorial at Eist, Holland

BANNEVILLE-LA-CAMPAGNE WAR CEMETERY, Calvados, France

Banneville-la-Campagne is a village in Normandy. The cemetery lies 100 metres south of the main road (the N175) between Caen and Pont l'Eveque, about 8 kilometres east of Caen.



The cemetery contains the graves of men killed for the most part of the fighting from the second week of July, 1944, when Caen was captured, to the last week in August, when the Falaise gap had been closed and the Allied forces were preparing their advance beyond the Seine. There are now over 2,000, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Reginald Ayling Lance-Corporal 5255296	Killed in Action 16th August 1944	28	II. D. 7.
Samuel Leonard Ball Private 5249944 B	Killed in Action 1st July 1944	29	XIII. C. 11.
John Frederick Barnett Private 3784226	Killed in Action 5th July 1944	20	XIII. D. 12.
Bertram Norman Bastock Corporal 5254067 C	Killed in Action 13th July 1944	25	X. D. 19
Frank Bowater Lance-Corporal 5247561 C	Killed in Action 18th August 1944	37	II. D. 13.

Thomas Brough

Lance-Sergeant

5258120

D



Killed in Action

4th July 1944

38

XII. E. 14.

Kenneth Clews

Private

5258158

C

Killed in Action

4th July 1944

34

XIII. D. 8.

Somerville Charlie Cope

Private

5258171

A

Killed in Action

9th August 1944

33

XVI. E. 4.

Frederick Cross

Private

5249458

HQ

Killed in Action

16th August 1944

33

II. D. 5.

Jonah Davies

Private

5258041

Killed in Action

15th August 1944

32

II. D. 16.

Joseph Emrys Davies

Private

14640590

Killed in Action

16th August 1944

30

II. D. 1.

William John Davis

Private

5255314

Killed in Action

1st July 1944

27

XIII. C. 13.

Samuel William Drew

Private

5250603

Killed in Action

15th August 1944

26

II. D. 11.

William Faulkner

Private

5334706

Killed in Action

16th August 1944

30

II. D. 3.

Norman Walter Hall

Private 14499273 A	Killed in Action 11th July 1944	18	X. D. 18.
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Harry Hathaway

Private 5258023 B	Killed in Action 16th August 1944	32	II. D. 10.
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John Hurd MM

Regimental Sergeant Major 4114550 HQ	Killed in Action 16th August 1944	45	II. D. 2.
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Edward Hutchins

Private 14699690	Killed in Action 16th August 1944	18	II. D. 14.
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William Henry Ingram

Private 5257034 HQ	Killed in Action 16th August 1944	31	II. D. 9.
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Richard Jenkins

Private 5258682	Killed in Action 16th August 1944	27	VI. D. 15.
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Douglas Haig Jordan

Private 5341874	Killed in Action 5th July 1944	25	XIII. D. 9.
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William George McKay

Sergeant 5258356 SP	Died of Wounds 7th August 1944	34	XV. A. 26.
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Raymond Lewis

Lance-Corporal 5252509 A	Killed in Action 11th July 1944	27	X. D. 13.
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John Samuel Jordan Littlewood

Private 5257954	Killed in Action 16th August 1944	33	II. D. 12.
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William Matthews

Private 5258335 C	Killed in Action 30th June 1944	34	XIII. D. 7.
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James Must

Corporal 5571156	Killed in Action 16th August 1944	26	II. D. 8.
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Albert Edward Packman

Private 7962691	Killed in Action 16th August 1944	21	II. D. 6.
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Harold Pritchard

Private 5257979 B	Killed in Action 27th June 1944	33	XII. E. 15.
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Edward Charles Sawyer

Corporal 5254225	Died of Wounds 9th August 1944	26	XV. A. 22.
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Charles Southwood

Company Sergeant Major 5249272 D	Killed in Action 27th July 1944	31	X. D. 20.
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Richard Plummer Stimson

Private 5258432 SP	Killed in Action 16th August 1944	33	II. D. 15.
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Bert Storey

Private 14654360 D		Died of Wounds 11th July 1944	19	XII. C. 20.
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George Ernest Troth

Private

5248616

B

Killed in Action

16th August 1944

35

XII. C. 16.

James William Waters

Private

14654577

Killed in Action

10th August 1944

28

XVI. D. 26.

Peter Tuck Weston

Major

124469

D

Killed in Action

23rd July 1944

24

X. D. 17.

Alfred Edward John Williams

Private

5257871

SP

Killed in Action

1st July 1944

32

XII. E. 26.



Hill 112 (1944) – some of the original graves can be seen on the left



Original graves of Major Weston and CSM Southwood (on Hill 112)



CSM Charles Southwood & Maj. Peter Weston
At Mouen a few days before they were killed on Hill 112

BAYEUX MEMORIAL, Calvados, France

The town of Bayeux, in Normandy, lies 24 kilometres north-west of Caen. On the opposite side of the road to the Bayeux War Cemetery, situated in the south-western outskirts of the town on the by-pass which is named Rue de Sir Fabian Ware, is the Bayeux Memorial. This Memorial commemorates over 1,800 men of the land forces who died in the fighting in Normandy and in the advance to the River Seine, and who have no known grave.



The Bayeux Memorial honours those men of the land forces of the British Commonwealth and Empire who fell in the early stages of the campaign in the North-Western Europe of 1944-1945, and have no known grave. They died during the landings in Normandy in June 1944, during the intense fighting in Normandy itself, and during the advance in August to the River Seine.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Panel
Leslie Green			
Private 4613380	Killed in Action 8th August 1944	34	Panel 14 Column 3.
Norman Ewart John Halford			
Lance-Corporal 5252663	Killed in Action 13th July 1944	24	Panel 14 Column 3.
Eric James James			
Private 14565712	Died in Enemy Hands 8th August 1944	19	Panel 14 Column 3.
John Edward Lee			
Corporal 5256756	Killed in Action 23 July 1944	29	Panel 14 Column 3.
Gordon Lawrence Revnell			
Lieutenant 189415 2nd (Airborne) Bn., Oxford. and Bucks Light Infantry Attd. 1st Bn. Worcestershire Regt.	Missing /Killed 23rd July 1944	27	Panel 16 Column 1.
Cecil David Rogers			
Private 5258420 C	Killed in Action 7th August 1944	24	Panel 14 Column 3.

BAYEUX WAR CEMETERY, Calvados, France

The town of Bayeux, in Normandy, lies 24 kilometres north-west of Caen. Bayeux War Cemetery is situated in the south-western outskirts of the town on the by-pass, which is named Rue de Sir Fabian Ware. On the opposite side of the road stands the Bayeux Memorial.



Bayeux was the first French town of importance to be liberated from the Germans in June 1944. The area now over 4,000, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Frederick Benjamin Attwood Private 5258022 B	Killed in Action 27th June 1944	26	XII. D. 21.
Aubrey Arthur Bratton Private 5255428 SP	Died of Wounds 28th June 1944	27	III. J. 24.
Joseph Cartwright Private 14529300 B	Killed in Action 26th August 1944	20	III. K. 22.
William George Denton Lance-Corporal 7597895 A	Died Whilst Prisoner 25th July 1944	19	XXVIII.H.18.
Preston John Ebbutt Lance-Corporal 14571445 C	Killed in Action 4th August 1944	19	XIX. C. 3.
Frederick Benjamin Footman Private 5257731 B	Killed in Action 27th August 1944	32	III. K. 24.

Alfred James Fudge Private 5258235 HQ	Killed in Action 27th June 1944	28	XII. D. 5.
Arthur Victor Harrison Private 5254163	Killed In Action 6th August 1944	25	XXIII. E. 23.
William Henry Herridge Private 4541950	Killed in Action 10th August 1944	28	XXIII. D. 2.
Patrick Ernest Hulme Lieutenant 278794 A	Died of Wounds 28 June 1944	21	XII. E. 13.
Ernest Jones Private 5258294 B	Killed in Action 26th August 1944	32	III. K. 25.
David Hugh Kerrigan Sergeant 5250370 B	Killed in Action 26th August 1944	31	III. K. 26.
Cecil Mercer Private 5258350	Killed in Action 27th June 1944	28	XVIII. E. 15.
Michael James Murphy Corporal 5258345	Died of Wounds 20th August 1944	34	II. H. 8.
Kenneth Poade Corporal 5258382 B	Died of Wounds 29th June 1944	33	XII. D. 2.

Oliver James Pound

Corporal
5256091



Killed in Action
4th August 1944

31

XIX. B. 15.

Bert Smith

Private
5257990
B

Killed in Action
27th August 1944

34

III. K. 23.

Arthur Taylor

Private
14669105

Died Whilst Prisoner
24th July 1944

18

XXVIII. H. 17.

Donald Aubrey Tuck

Private
5499810
B

Killed in Action
27th June 1944

22

XII. D. 4.



Lieut. David Wye, Capt. 'Dicky' Dingley, Maj. 'Jimmy' Riddle and Lieut. Pat Hulme

The 4 Officers of 'A' Company who were killed in the battle for Cheux, France in June 1944. Major Riddle was holding a short co-ordinating meeting with his officers when a bomb fell amongst them. Major Riddle and Lieutenant Hulme were killed outright and Captain Dingley and Lieutenant Wye died of their wounds shortly afterwards.

BROUAY WAR CEMETERY, Calvados, France

Brouay is a village in Normandy about 1.5 kilometres south of the main road from Bayeux to Caen and roughly midway between these two towns.

Burials in this cemetery relate, for the most part, to the heavy fighting encountered hereabouts in June and July 1944, during the efforts of the British forces to swing round to the south of Caen. There are now over 350, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, a small number are unidentified.



Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Frank Draycott			
Private 14585888 A	Killed in Action 27th June 1944	19	V. B. I.
Albert Edward Frampton			
Lance-Corporal 5257737 SP	Killed in Action 27th June 1944	31	I. B. 4.
Peter John Riddle			
Major 102381 4th Bn., Dorsetshire Regiment attd., 1st Bn. Worcestershire Regiment A	Killed in Action 27th June 1944		I. B. 6.
Frederick Marshall Ryan			
Private 5258078 A	Killed in Action 27th June 1944	27	I. B. 5.
David Gordon Wye			
Lieutenant 293210 A	Killed in Action 27th June 1944	28	I. B. 3.

DUNKIRK MEMORIAL, Nord, France

The Dunkirk Memorial stands at the entrance to the British War Graves Section of Dunkirk Town Cemetery, which lies at the south-eastern corner of the town of Dunkirk, immediately south of the canal and on the road to Veurne (Furnes) in Belgium. The Memorial commemorates those soldiers of the British Expeditionary Force who fell in the campaign of 1939-1940 and who have no known grave. The total number of names on the Memorial is over 4,000; of these 5 were members of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps and the remainder all belonged to the land



forces of the United Kingdom. The names of the men commemorated are engraved on Portland stone panels on either side of a broad walk, forming an avenue which leads to a shrine. At the entrance to the avenue are two columns surmounted by stone urns and bearing on their front faces the inscription, on one in English and on the other in French:

“ HERE BESIDE THE GRAVES OF THEIR COMRADES ARE COMMEMORATED THE SOLDIERS OF THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE WHO FELL IN THE CAMPAIGN OF 1939-1940 AND HAVE NO KNOWN GRAVE”.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Panel
William Henry Davies Private 5252593	Killed in Action 29th October 1944	34	Column 58.

EVREUX COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Eure, France

Evreux is a town in the Department of the Eure about 115 kilometres north-west of Paris. The Communal Cemetery is in the south-eastern part of the town and north of the old road to Nantes and Paris. From the station, take the Bd Gambetta, then Rue de la Resistance. When you reach the crossroads take Rue F D Roosevelt, Av Winston Churchill and then Rue Delattre de Tassigny where the cemetery will be found. The War graves plot is on the right hand side of the cemetery.

There are now a small number of 1914-18 and over 70, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Charles Walter Long			
Private 5257792 D	Died of Wounds 29th August 1944	32	Row C. Grave 25.
Roger Arthur William Miller			
Captain 112886 C	Died of Wounds 28th August 1944	23	Row C. Grave 24.

Whilst Captain Miller and his batman were moving forward towards Mont de Tilly on the 27th August 1944 in order to make contact with major Clover, they were hit by gun fire. Captain Miller was mortally wounded and his batman was killed instantly.



Plaque at the base of the monument at Tilly remembering those that died

HOTTOT-LES-BAGUES WAR CEMETERY, Calvados, France

This cemetery can be reached from Bayeux by taking the D6 southeastwards. After about 13 kilometres and after passing through Tilly-sur-Seulles, turn right (westwards) at Juvigny onto the main road (the D9) that runs from Caen towards Caumont l'Evente. The cemetery will be found after a few hundred metres on the right hand side on rising ground.



Most of the burials were brought into this cemetery from the surrounding district, where there was much heavy fighting through June and July 1944, as the British forces tried to press south from Bayeux and swing round to the south of Caen. There are now over 1,000, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Plot XI contains German graves.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Martin William Baldwin Lance-Corporal 5257676 SP	Killed in Action 7th July 1944	31	VI. A. 21.
Frederick William Ernest Brickles Private 5109902 B	Killed in Action 27th June 1944	29	III. F. 11.
Cyril Brown Private 5256893	Killed in Action 1st August 1944	30	XII. F. 5.
Frederick Dent Private 14397837 A	Died of Wounds 9th August 1944	20	VI. A. 17.
Sydney Charles Evans Private 14629748	Killed in Action 31st July 1944	22	XII. F. 3.

George Frederick Evans

Private
5250063
D Killed in Action
1st August 1944 31 XII. F. 2.

Charles Collins Fisher

Private
14577478
D Killed in Action
7th July 1944 19 VI. B. 21.

Walter Sidney Lawrence Hansford

Private
14421897
D Died of Wounds
1st August 1944 19 II. D. 4.



Edwin Saxon Hickman

Sergeant
5249255
SP Killed in Action
2nd July 1944 29 V. A. 7.

Kenneth Thomas Howells

Private
14577491
A Killed in Action
9th August 1944 19 VI. A. 14.

John Coventry Kendall

Private
14577290
A Killed in Action
9th August 1944 19 VI. A. 18.

James Lowe

Private
5257784
SP Killed in Action
7th July 1944 32 VI. A. 20.

Leslie Newell

Private
14588580
Killed in Action
9th August 1944 19 VI. A. 16.

Ernest Richard Tonks

Corporal
5256681
SP Killed in Action
31st July 1944 30 XII. F. 4.

John William White

Private
5257423

Killed in Action
8th August 1944 30

VI. A. 15.

Leonard Alfred Wilcox

Private
6103419

Killed in Action
1st August 1944 24

XII. F. 1.



Sergeant Edwin Saxon Hickman

RYES WAR CEMETERY, BAZENVILLE, Calvados, France

Leave Bayeux on the D12 to the east; at the village of Sommervieu carry straight on, following the D112, and after 3 kilometres turn right on to the D87. After climbing round a bend to the left, the cemetery will be found on the left hand side.

The site is not far inland from the beaches at Arromanches, where the 50th Division landed on 6th June, 1944; the first burials were made in the cemetery just two days after the landings. There are now over 600, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 50, are unidentified.



Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
John Allchurch			
Private 5257882 B	Died of Wounds 30th July 1944	24	VIII. E. 9.
Henry Charles Bottrill			
Private 14572612 C	Died of Wounds 29th June 1944	19	VIII. J. 6.
Thomas Odin McIntyre Cranko			
Lieutenant 197180	Killed in Action 19th June 1944	21	IV. E. 10.
James George Humphries			
Private 1477945	Died of Wounds 5th August 1944	23	VIII. G. 1.
Lionel William George Meadows			
Private 5258343 C	Died of Wounds 6th July 1944	34	VII. A. 10.

John Frederick Sheldrake

Lieutenant

237907

Killed in Action

1st July 1944

30

VII. F. 8.

Bernard Raymond Sollis

Private

5254106

HQ

Died of Wounds

18th July 1944

26


VI. C. 4.

SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN WAR CEMETERY, Calvados, France

From Bayeux take the N13 towards Caen. After about 12 kilometres turn left onto the D217, and the village of Secqueville will be found about 2 kilometres to the north. Turn right in the village, and after a few hundred metres take the track to the left, signposted Farrington Way. The War Cemetery will be found in open fields on the left hand side.

The Allied offensive in north-western Europe began with the Normandy landings of 6 June 1944. Secqueville-en-Bessin War Cemetery is a battlefield cemetery, containing the graves of men killed in the advance to Caen early in July and in the subsequent fighting up to the end of that month. The cemetery contains 99 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War and 18 German burials.



Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
<p>William Orridge Private 6103296 D</p> 	<p>Died of Wounds 12th July 1944</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>II. A. 20.</p>
<p>Reginald Arthur Wall Private 14683120</p>	<p>Died of Wounds 13th July 1944</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>II. B. 18.</p>

LA DELIVRANDE WAR CEMETERY, DOUVRES, Calvados, France

Take the main road northwards from Caen, the D7 to Langrune-sur-Mer. After about 12 kilometres, the War Cemetery will be found on the right of the road, a few hundred metres before reaching La Delivrande crossroads and its twin-spired church.



The Allied offensive in north-western Europe began with the Normandy landings of 6 June 1944. The burials in La Delivrande War Cemetery mainly date from 6 June and the landings on Sword beach, particularly Oboe and Peter sectors. Others were brought in later from the battlefields between the coast and Caen. There are now 942 Commonwealth servicemen of the Second World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 63 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to a number of casualties known to be buried among them. The cemetery also contains 193 German graves.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Alfred David Raymond Smith Captain 134307 attd., Royal Warwickshire Regiment	Killed in Action 24th July 1944	25	VII. F. 3.

Captain Smith, who had been with the Battalion since its formation, was the Captain chosen to go with a group of about 100 men from the Battalion, as part of a group of reinforcement. It was a cruel stroke that he was killed shortly after landing in Normandy when acting as Intelligence Officer to a Battalion in 3rd Division to whom he went as reinforcement.

ST. CHARLES DE PERCY WAR CEMETERY, Calvados, France

Take the N175 south-westwards from Villers Bocage; after 5 kilometres take the left fork, the D577, towards Vire. After 15 kilometres, go through the little hamlet of La Ferroniere; turn left onto the D56 and right again after a few hundred metres. The War Cemetery will then be found on the left hand side.



The Allied offensive in north-western Europe began with the Normandy landings of 6 June 1944. St Charles de Percy War Cemetery is the southernmost of the Normandy cemeteries. The majority of those buried here died in late July and early August 1944 in the major thrust made from Caumont l'Evente towards Vire, to drive a wedge between the German 7th Army and Panzer Group West. The cemetery contains 809 Second World War burials.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Arthur Owen James Corporal 5254775 C	Died of Wounds 8th August 1944	27	VII. D. 2.

ST. DESIR WAR CEMETERY, Calvados, France

St Desir is a village on the N13 to Caen, 4 kilometres west of Lisieux. The war cemetery is about one kilometre west of the village and lies on a secondary road, the D159.

Most of the burials date from the end of August 1944, from the time when the Allies were starting their drive from Normandy to the Seine. There are now a small number of 1914-18 and nearly 600, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. There were brought into this cemetery 78 burials of the 1939-45 War and 4 of the 1914-18 War from Chartres (St. Cheron) Communal Cemetery.




Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
William Bratt Corporal 5250218 SP	Died of Wounds 28th August 1944	27	II. C. 4.
Arthur George Cooke Private 14640582	Died of Wounds 28th August 1944	29	VI. D. 9.
Ronald Salisbury Private 14676458	Killed in Action 27th August 1944	19	IV. D. 14.
William George Shepherd Private 14708198	Killed in Action 27th August 1944	18	VI. E. 3.

ST. MANVIEU WAR CEMETERY, CHEUX, Calvados, France

This cemetery is reached from Caen by taking route D9 westwards. After about 8 kilometres, the road by-passes St Manvieu village, while Cheux lies 2 kilometres to the left. You will find St Manvieu War Cemetery on the right hand side.

The men who lie buried in St. Manvieu War Cemetery died for the most part in the fluctuating and severe fighting from mid-June to the end of July 1944 in the region between Tilly-sur-Seulles and Caen. Plots XI, XII, XVII and XVIII contain German graves. There are now over 1,500, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site.



Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Frederick Adams Private 5249282 B	Killed in Action 9th August 1944	31	X. D. 11.
Frederick George Bache Lance-Corporal 5258149 B	Killed in Action 9th August 1944	32	VIII. F. 3.
Frederick George Samuel Baker Lance-Corporal 6146801 D	Killed in Action 28th June 1944	28	X. A. 12.
			
Leslie Box Private 5259546	Killed in Action 10th July 1944	33	IX. D. 5.
Horace George Ingles Private 5253093	Killed in Action 9th August 1944	30	IX. E. 14.

Richard Bradley

Private
14654219
D



Killed in Action
21st July 1944 19 X. G. 7.

William Donald Braggins

Private
14654228
B

Killed in Action
9th August 1944 19 X. D. 16.

Albert Brown

Private
5257895
B

Killed in Action
27th June 1944 34 V. E. 5.

Leslie Thomas Butland

Private
14551686
C

Killed in Action
8th August 1944 19 VIII. F. 14.

Edward James Cadwallader

Private
5249951
D



Killed in Action
27th June 1944 28 IV. G. 11

Frederick Cairns

Lance-Corporal
5257910
B

Killed in Action
27th June 1944 33 V. E. 4.

Eric Hector Cooper

Private
5258191
C

Killed in Action
10th July 1944 33 IX. D. 16.

Richard Norman Aitken Dingley

Captain
117109
A

Killed in Action
27 June 1944 25 V. F. 20.

Geoffrey Dupree

Private
14577466
D Killed in Action
27th June 1944 19 V. F. 1.

Wallace George

Private
5257931 Killed in Action
9th August 1944 34 IX. E. 17.

Joseph Gibson

Private
5257930 Killed in Action
8th August 1944 34 VIII. F. 16.

Sydney Harding

Private
5257939 B Killed in Action
9th August 1944 38 XIV. D. 11.

Moses Hodgkins

Private
5258268 C Killed in Action
7th August 1944 34 X. D. 12.

Sidney Willis Jew

Private
5257949 B Killed in Action
8th August 1944 33 VIII. F. 12.

Charles Jones

Private
5257777 Killed in Action
9th August 1944 34 VIII. F. 8.

William John Jones

Private
14438903 Killed in Action
7th August 1944 18 VIII. F. 2.

John Kenneth George Marshall

Captain
113372 Killed in Action
7th August 1944 30 VIII. F. 19.

Walter George Merrison

Private
14572734 B Killed in Action
9th August 1944 19 X. D. 8.

Frank Middleton

Private

14708839

Killed in Action
9th August 1944

30

X. D. 7.

George Henry Neil

Private

14423270

B

Killed in Action
9th August 1944

19

X. D. 15.

Rowland William Norman

Private

14673107

Killed in Action
7th August 1944

19

VIII. F. 4.

Frank Joseph Platt

Private

14673114

Killed in Action
8th August 1944

19

VIII. F. 13.

Harold Reeves

Private

5249943

A

Killed in Action
14th July 1944

32

VIII. E. 9.

Owen Hugh Roberts

Private

14388719

Died of Wounds
9th August 1944

19

VIII. F. 5.

William Frank Roxby

Private

14438183

Killed in Action
9th August 1944

18

X. D. 20.

Robert Scott

Private

1511506

Killed in Action
9th August 1944

26

X. D. 13.

Arthur Smith

Private

6103339

Killed in Action
9th August 1944

24

X. D. 14.

John William Alfred Smith

Corporal
5257993
B

Killed in Action
9th August 1944 31

X. D. 10.

Royston Stanley Spicer

Lieutenant
228301

Killed in Action
13th July 1945 27

VIII. E. 14.

Wilfred James Thompson

Private
5257998

Killed in Action
9th August 1944 32

X. D. 9.

Charles Whitehouse

Private
5258496
SP

Killed in Action
8th August 1944 35

VIII. F. 11.




Commemorative plaque at Cheux, France

TILLY-SUR-SEULLES WAR CEMETERY, Calvados, France

From Bayeux, take the D6 south-eastwards for about 12 kilometres to Tilly-sur-Seulles. In the centre of the town, turn right (westwards) onto the D13. The cemetery will be found after about 1 kilometre on the left hand side.

There was heavy and fluctuating fighting in the vicinity of Tilly-sur-Seulles immediately after the Allied landings in Normandy; the 7th Armoured Division and the 49th and 50th Divisions were involved. Tilly itself was not captured until 19th June 1944. The first burial made directly into the cemetery was on 8th July 1944; subsequently burials were brought in from the battlefields in the vicinity. There are now nearly 1000, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, almost 50 are unidentified.



Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Arthur Jack Booth Lieutenant 300349	Killed in Action 7th August 1944	28	VIII. C. 5.
	Lieut. A. J. Booth was killed at Mount Pinçon by a direct hit from an "88" whilst issuing drinking water to his Platoon. He was buried where he fell and was afterwards mentioned in dispatches for previous gallantry.		
Arthur James Bryant Private 14416719 C	Died of Wounds 16th August 1944	19	VII. D. 7.
Harry Gill Lance-Corporal 5257744	Died of Wounds 9th August 1944	32	IV. E. 2.

William George Frederick Jones

Lance-Corporal

14593710

D

Killed in Action

14th August 1944

36

VII. D. 2.

Stanley Norman Jones

Private

14585240

D

Killed in Action

14th August 1944

19

VII. D. 3.

Edward Jones

Private

5247890

Died of Wounds

9th August 1944

35

V. E. 7.

Sidney John Marsh

Private

14625329

A

Died of Wounds

10th August 1944

28

V. D. 4.

Stanley Horace Palmer

Corporal

5258379

Killed in Action

15th August 1944

24

VII. D. 5.

Wilfred Reid

Private

13054473

Died of Wounds

12th August 1944

33

VI. E. 1.

James William Richards

Private

5254308

Killed in Action

14th August 1944

27

VII. D. 1.

Arthur James Richardson

Lance-Corporal

5334639

Killed in Action

11th August 1944

34

V. E. 2.

Percy Bertram Shakespeare

Private

14588462

B

Died of Wounds

10th August 1944

19

V. D. 6.

Robert Charles Strange

Sergeant

4912720

Died of Wounds

30th July 1944

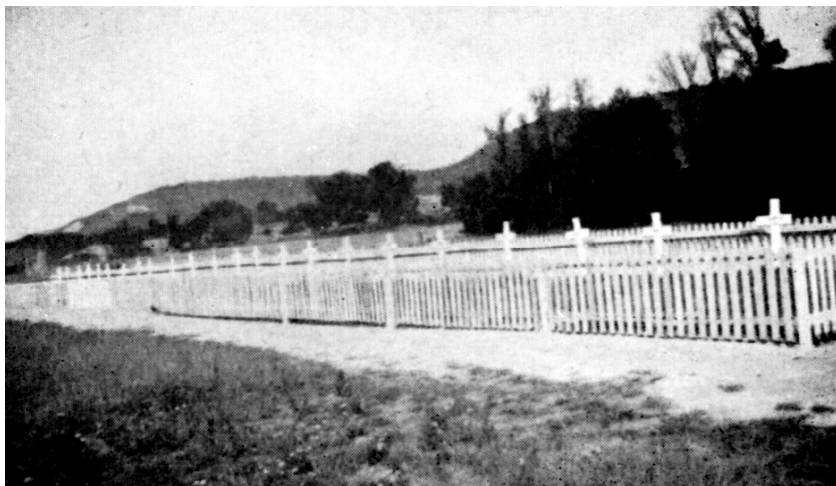
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II. F. 13.

VERNON (VERNONNET) COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Eure, France

Vernon (Vernonnet) Communal Cemetery is 1 kilometre from Vernon, across the bridge over the River Seine. The war graves are in the north-eastern part of the cemetery.

There are now nearly 20, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site.



Graves as they were in September 1944

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Anthony Alistair Benn Major 44813 7th East Yorkshire Regt. Attd. 1st Bn. Worcestershire Regt. HQ	Killed in Action 27th August 1944		Grave 9.
George Henry Cox Private 14421248 A	Killed in Action 27th August 1944	19	Grave 15.
Walter John Drinkwater Private 5102937 HQ	Killed in Action 27th August 1944	33	Grave 4.

Wilfred John EdgingtonPrivate
6203386Killed in Action
27th August 1944 23

Grave 3.

Albert Douglas Edwin EversfieldPrivate
14689068Killed in Action
27th August 1944 18

Grave 12.

Bernard GoldingPrivate
5256014Killed in Action
27th August 1944 24

Grave 10.

William GraingerPrivate
5257752
SPKilled in Action
27th August 1944 31

Grave 17.

Gordon Albert James HeatonPrivate
4042611Killed in Action
27th August 1944 21

Grave 14.

William Henry HockleySergeant
5258278
SPKilled in Action
27th August 1944 32

Grave 18.

Dennis John OakleyPrivate
14388717Killed in Action
27th August 1944 19

Grave 8.

Douglas William PriestCorporal
14565811
CKilled in Action
27th August 1944 19

Grave 2.

Ernest RoperPrivate
5257833Killed in Action
27th August 1944 24

Grave 13.

George Allen Smith

Private
6100291

Killed in Action
27th August 1944 32 Grave 11.

Ernest Webb

Private
5257136
A

Killed in Action
27th August 1944 31 Grave 16.

James Henry Williams

Gunner
11262261

Killed in Action
27th August 1944 32 Grave 7.



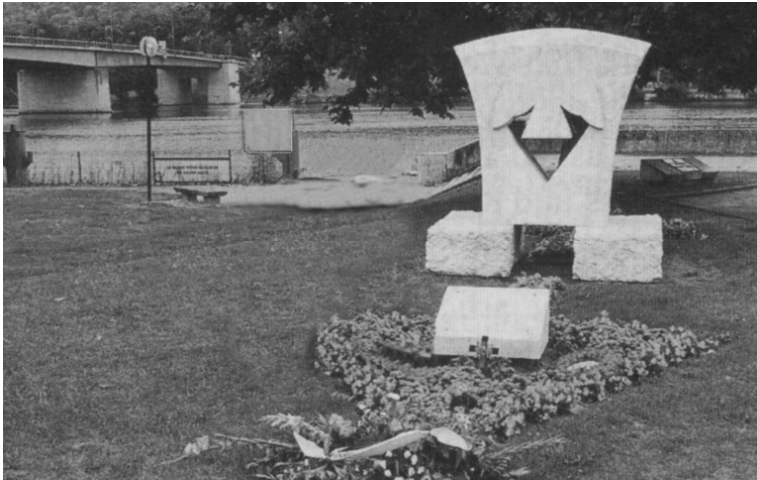
Commemorative Plaque placed at Vernon on 27th August 2000

VERNON COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Eure, France

Vernon is a small town about 25 kilometres north-east of Evreux. The Cemetery is about 660 metres west of the railway station on the Avenue des Capucins.

There are now a small number of 1914-18 and over 10, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. A large number from the 1939-45 War are said to have been killed while repairing the nearby bridge over the Seine.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Leonard Horace Treadgold			
Private			
14426422	Killed in Action		
A	27th August 1944	19	Plot 1. Grave 8.



43rd Wessex Memorial by the River Seine at Vernon

ARNHEM OOSTERBEEK WAR CEMETERY, Netherlands

Arnhem is in the eastern Netherlands. Oosterbeek lies 7 kilometres west of Arnhem on the road to Wageningen. From the Utrechtseweg, turn on to the Stationsweg heading for Oosterbeek Station. At the railway station, turn right on to Van Limburg Stirumweg. The entrance to the cemetery is a short distance along this road opposite the town cemetery.



On the 17th September 1944, the British 1st Airborne Division began landing West of Arnhem in order to capture and hold the bridges over the River Rhine as part of 'Operation Market Garden'. A costly battle ensued, which nine days later led to the remnants of this Division being withdrawn back across the Rhine. After the war, this site was chosen for the burial of casualties from this period and those of later battles in this area. Special memorials have been erected to a soldier from the United Kingdom believed to be buried in the cemetery, and an officer belonging to the 1st Airborne Division who died a prisoner of war, and was buried in Lingen Cemetery, Germany, but whose grave could not be found. In addition there are 70 Foreign National graves. The majority of these are Poles, soldiers of the 1st Independent Polish Parachute Brigade who also landed at Arnhem. The three Non-War graves in the cemetery were Commission employees.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Edwin Leonard Atthews Private 5249316	Killed in Action 25th September 1944	31	10. A. 1.

Roland George Broughton

Private

14718206

Killed in Action
25th September 1944 18

10. A. 5.

William Casey

Private

4918839

Killed in Action
24th September 1944 27

10. A. 13.

David Chatterton

Private

5258159

HQ

Died of Wounds
25th September 1944 32

14. A. 6.

Malcolm Alfred Gibbins

Major

145429

A

Killed in Action
25th September 1944 28

10. A. 14.

Ronald Herbert Gillard

Lieutenant

289274

attd. 8th Bn., Durham Light Infantry

Killed in Action
7th October 1944 22

12. A. 4.

George Hawkin

Private

4541949

Killed in Action
24th September 1944 18

10. B. 5.

William Thomas Hewitt

Lance Corporal

5260435

Killed in Action
25th September 1944 21

10. B. 4.

Albert Leslie Jordan

Lance Sergeant

5258295

Killed in Action
25th September 1944 32

10. A. 12.

John Kerton

Private

3453495

Killed in Action
25th September 1944 27

13. A. 1.

Richard Lithgow

Corporal

4918284

Killed in Action
25th September 1944 25

10. B. 6.

Frederick Edward Marsh

Private

14575974

Killed in Action
29th September 1944 20

12. C. 8.

Alan Neale

Private

14681695

Killed in Action
24th September 1944 19

10. A. 11.

Percy Joseph Powdrill

Private

4862604

Killed in Action
25th September 1944 30

10. B. 9.

Bernard Thomas Poyner

Private

549769

Killed in Action
24th September 1944 32

10. A. 3.

William Rees

Private

14711451

Killed in Action
24th September 1944 29

10. B. 10.

Colin Edwards Skidmore

Sergeant

4925181

Killed in Action
25th September 1944 24

10. B. 3.

Mowbray Morris Souper

Major

134308

D

Killed in Action
24th September 1944 25

10. B. 7.

Horace Arthur Ward

Lance Sergeant

14397534

D

Killed in Action
24th September 1944 27

10. A. 2.

Noel Watkins

Captain

174313

B



Killed in Action
29th September 1944 31

12. C. 7.

William Leonard Wilkins

Lance Corporal
5056574
A

Killed in Action
25th September 1944 29

10. B. 8.

Albert Edward Woodward

Private
5250737

Killed in Action
25th September 1944 25

10. A. 4.



L/Cpl. William Leonard Wilkins



Major Mowbray Morris Souper

JONKERBOS WAR CEMETERY, Gelderland, Netherlands

The town of Nijmegen is 16 km south of Arnhem. Jonkerbos War cemetery is 4 km south west of Nijmegen, and 1km south of the main Grave-Nijmegen road. Following the A73 exit at the junction Nijmegen Wijchen, follow the directions to Nijmegen along the A32b, entering Nijmegen on the Graafseweg. On reaching the Industrieterrein, a Commission signpost directs visitors to turn left onto the Weg Door Jonkerbos. Shortly after appears a further signpost showing the left hand turning onto Oude Mollenhutseweg. The cemetery is located 150 metres onward after entering the Oude Mollenhutseweg, on the right hand side of the road.

Nijmegen was a front line town from 17th September 1944, until February 1945. The cemetery is in a wooded area known as Jonkers Bosch, from which it took its name, and was created by No. 3 Casualty Clearing station. 18 soldiers from the United Kingdom were buried in adjoining graves which could not be individually identified, and are commemorated by special memorials inscribed "Buried near this spot". Two other special memorials record the names of two United Kingdom soldiers known to have been buried in the cemetery whose graves could not be found.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Leslie Thomas Bowkett Private 5052474 B	Died of Wounds 9th February 1945	28	10. C. 7.
William Harry Broome Major 240413 B	Died of Wounds 30th September 1944	30	21. E. 1.
David Thomas Clarke Private 4918172	Died of Wounds 1st October 1944	25	9. A. 4.
Henry Arthur Dorricott Private 5258208	Died of Wounds 23rd September 1944	33	23. A. 5.
William Gordon Hunt Lieutenant CDN/163	Died of Wounds 7th November 1944	29	7. E. 5.

Kenneth Victor Lowe

Sergeant
5257791

Died of Wounds
24th September 1944 30 21. D. 4.

Sidney David Poxon

Private
5571171

Killed in Action
6th November 1944 26 23. D. 7.

Horace Preston

Private
14428566
C

Killed in Action
6th November 1944 19 7. E. 2.

George Henry Ridler

Sergeant
5258080

Died of Wounds
24th September 1944 32 21. E. 4.

Jules Bartram Vlummer

Sergeant
4918273

Died of Wounds
3rd October 1944 25 13. C. 4.

William Watson

Private
5055354

Died of Wounds
30th September 1944 31 10. D. 8.



Major Bill Broome

MIERLO WAR CEMETERY, Netherlands

Mierlo is a village 12 kilometres east of Eindhoven. It lies on the Eindhoven-Geldrop-Helmond road, 4 kilometres north east of Geldrop. The War Cemetery is on the west side of the main road 3 kilometres before entering Mierlo from Geldrop.



The cemetery was started in the spring of 1945, and burials were brought in from the surrounding district, most of them being casualties that had occurred during the period September-November, 1944. At that time the main fighting was concerned with clearing the region south and west of the Maas, and, further west, with opening up the Scheldt estuary. Helmond itself was occupied on 25th September, 1944. There are now over 650 1939-1945 War casualties commemorated in this site.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
James Houlton Jackson Lieutenant 117341 attd. 9th Bn., Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)	Killed in Action 20th November 1944		VI. E. 1.
Frank Evans Taylor Private 14596225	Died of Wounds 17th October 1944	33	I. F. 6.

MILSBEEK WAR CEMETERY, Netherlands

Milsbeek is a village on the main road from Nijmegen (15 kilometres) to Genneep (5 kilometres). Nijmegen is the nearest large town, about 9 miles to the north. The War cemetery is at the head of Milsbeek Church and is approached through the churchyard about 200 metres east of the main road. Leave the A73 at the junction Overasselt-Mook-Groesbeek in the direction of Mook along the N271. 8 kilometres after passing through the village of Mook lies the village of Milsbeek. Signposts in Milsbeek indicate the direction of the church with the Commission cemetery at the rear of the churchyard. Signposts direct visitors from the N271 Rijksweg onto the Zwarteweg. Turning left at the second road junction leads onto the Hoefnagelsstraat, at the end of which lies the church.

The casualties buried here date, with a few exceptions, from February and March 1945, from the days of the advance into Germany. They include men from the 51st (Highland) Division, the 52nd (Lowland) Division, and the 3rd Bn. Irish Guards. There are now over 200, 1939-1945 War casualties commemorated in this site.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Harry Stanley Private 13041577 D	Killed in Action 22nd October 1944	22	II. E. 15.
Thomas Mulvihill Private 5055094	Killed in Action 13th October 1944	30	II. E. 12.

BRUNSSUM WAR CEMETERY Limburg, Netherlands

Brunssum is a town close to the German border, approximately 35 kilometres north east of Maastricht and 11 kilometres south east of Sittard in the southern most portion of the Netherlands. From Sittard visitors should follow signposts for Heerlen on the N276. The N276 passes through the village of Windraak. 6 kilometres after Windraak lies the left hand turning to Brunssum, and the village lies 3 kilometres after this left hand turning. The War Cemetery is co-located with the General Cemetery in Heufstraat near the junction with Merkelbeekerstraat.



Brunssum was liberated in September 1944 by U.S. forces; they were shortly afterwards followed by the British 43rd (Wessex) Division, who made their headquarters in the town, and in turn were succeeded by the 52nd (Lowland) Division. The first burials in the cemetery were made by an Advanced Dressing Station and a Casualty Clearing Station which were situated at Merkelbeek in November 1944 when the 43rd Division were engaged in clearing a triangle between the Rivers Roer and Maas. Later, other casualties were all brought back and buried in the same place; they included fifty men who were killed while clearing mines on the German border at the beginning of January 1945. Operations in the Geilenkirchen sector accounted for a great part of the casualties buried here. There are over 300 1939-1945 burials in this cemetery, they are made up entirely of soldiers of the British Army, of whom 1 remains unidentified.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Leonard Adams Private 5050150	Killed in Action. 19th November 1944.	24	II. 80.

John Patrick Allum

Lieutenant

299664

SP

Killed in Action.

24th January 1945. 20

VI. 278.

At Tripsrath the Pioneer Platoon, led by the Pioneer Officer Lieut. J. Allum, spent nights reconnoitring, sweeping, lifting and mines, by some mischance, when the task was almost completed and over 1,100 mines had been removed, Lieut. Allum prodded a particularly sensitive one and blew himself up.

John Edgar Appleby

Private

5257881

Killed in Action.

19th November 1944. 24

II. 71.

Frank Harold Barker

Lance Sergeant

5258141

Killed in Action.

19th November 1944. 34

II. 65.

Bertram Collier

Corporal

5256450

Killed in Action.

19th November 1944. 25

II. 76.

George Henry Dumbleton

Private

14542412

Killed in Action.

22nd November 1944. 20

I. 14.

Reginald Farmer

Private

5250267

Killed in Action.

6th January 1945 29

III. 117.

Kenneth Gardiner

Private

14385509

Killed in Action.

19th November 1944. 20

I. 6.

Walter Guest

Private

14708247

Killed in Action.

19th November 1944. 34

I. 4.

Horace Edwin Harding

Private

5258287

Killed in Action.

20th November 1944. 32

I. 5.

Sidney Arthur Harvey

Private

14625268

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 29

II. 72.

Cedric Alfred Humphries

Captain

165722

attd. 4th Bn., Somerset Light Infantry

Killed in Action.
18th November 1944. ??

II. 63.

Isaac Jevons

Lance Corporal

4856434

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 30

II. 73.

John Thomson Law

Private

11002219

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 32

II. 66.

William Little

Private

5258316

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 33

II. 45.

Silas Frederick Lockyer

Private

5251238

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 22

II. 69.

Thomas Frederick Lomas

Private

1544853

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 25

II. 75.

James Henry Marshall

Private

5258632

Died of Wounds.
19th November 1944. 35

VI. 328.

Walter Dennis Mitchell

Gunner

1819631

Royal Artillery,
Attd. 1st Bn. Worcs. Regt.Killed in Action
19th November 1944 23

II.67.

Arthur Anthony Moon

Lieutenant

320055

A

Gloucestershire Regiment

Attd. 1st Bn. Worcestershire Regt.

Killed in Action.
20th November 1944.

I. 7.

William Waltham Packman

Private

14423096

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 19

IV. 165.

John Edward Pirie

Private

7963272

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 21

II. 79.

Edgar Alfred Rentoul

Private

14559799

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 19

IV. 166.

Albert Rowe

Private

4918285

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 25

II. 74.

Joseph Alfred Snape

Private

5050862

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 26

II. 78.

Geoffrey Swift

Private

1594112

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 29

II. 70.

Leonard Thomas

Private

5258470

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 34

II. 68.

Leslie Tovey

Private

5250342

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 28

II. 77.

Horace Leslie Tredwell

Private

1706670

Killed in Action.
18th November 1944. 35

I. 2.

Tom Robert Waites

Private

4623315

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 31

II. 41.

Harold Frederick Walsh

Lance Corporal

14552753

Killed in Action.
21st November 1944. 19

I. 3.

Robert Leslie Whittingham

Private

14424566

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 19

II. 49.



Brunssum War Cemetery (1945)



The initial headstones were a simple wooden cross (photo on left taken 1945) by about 1948 these were replaced as can be seen in the photo on the right. This was again changed in later years to an engraved stone headstone.

SITTARD GENERAL CEMETERY, Limburg, Netherlands

Sittard lies on the main road from Maastricht to Roermond, 19 kilometres north east of Maastricht and 29 kilometres south west of Roermond. From Maastricht the E25 leads for 22 kilometres north east towards Lindelheuvel. From Lindelheuvel lies the right hand turning towards Sittard (5 kilometres). The cemetery is located in the eastern part of the town in Vrangendael, on a road leading off the Winston Churchillaan, approximately 500 metres from the town centre. From the cemetery main entrance, take the four steps on the left hand side and follow the path straight on. The Commonwealth war graves will be found on the left of this path.

There are now 20, 1939-1945 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, one is unidentified.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Stanley Hadlington Private 5257155	Died of Wounds. 23rd November 1944.	30	A. 3.

BRUSSELS TOWN CEMETERY, Evere, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium

Brussels Town Cemetery is located in the north east corner of Brussels in the district of Evere. Follow the E40 Brussels-Liege road in the direction of Brussels and leave at junction 19, signposted Woluwe and Evere. Follow the sign Evere to the right and continue 500 metres along the avenue des Communautes to the first set of traffic lights. Go straight ahead here and down the avenue Ciceron to turn left around the roundabout at the bottom of the road. The entrance to the Town Cemetery is then on your right. Follow the main avenue through the cemetery as far as you can go and the Commission plot is on your left.

The Cemetery Opening Hours are:- Closed on Mondays. Open every other day: 0830 - 1630. Please Note: Information received from the local authorities at Brussels states that "In accordance with their regulations it is forbidden to photograph headstones, in order to guarantee the anonymity and out of respect to the dead, without prior approval of the local alderman responsible for funerals and burials." However, as the Commission has no objections to photographs being taken or to the filming of our war graves, it is suggested that visitors wishing to do so should make this known to the staff in the office at the entrance of the cemetery.

Brussels was in German hands from 20 August 1914 to the date of the Armistice and the majority of the Commonwealth burials in Brussels Town Cemetery dating from this period are those of prisoners of war whose bodies were brought back from Germany by the Canadian Corps in April 1919. The British Expeditionary Force was involved in the later stages of the defence of Belgium following the German invasion in May 1940, and suffered many casualties in covering the withdrawal to Dunkirk. Commonwealth forces did not return until September 1944, but in the intervening years, many airmen were shot down or crashed in raids on strategic objectives in Belgium, or while returning from missions over Germany. Most of the Second World War casualties buried in the town cemetery died on lines of communication duties after the liberation of Brussels at the beginning of September 1944, but a few date from the brief period that the BEF spent in Belgium in May 1940. Brussels Town Cemetery contains 54 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 588 from the Second World War. There are also a number of war graves of other nationalities.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Arthur Richard George Corke Corporal 14324957	Died of Wounds. 24th November 1944.	20	. X. 26. 57

Thomas George Guest

Private
14552681

Died of Wounds.
20th November 1944.

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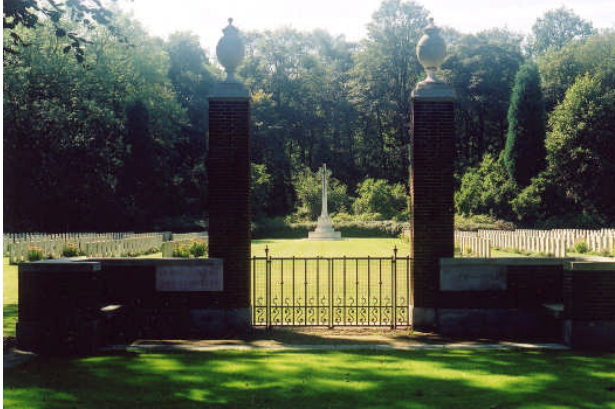
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Brussels Town Cemetery, Evere

LEOPOLDSBURG WAR CEMETERY, Leopoldsburg, Limburg, Belgium

Leopoldsburg War Cemetery is located 58 kilometres north east of Leuven. From Leopoldsburg railway station turn right along the Nicolaylaan to the 'T' junction and turn left onto the Koningsstraat. Continue 300 metres and turn right at the Koning Albert I Plein. 100 metres after this, turn left at the 'T' Junction and right at the next 'T' junction. Continue for a further 300 metres to the end of the road and then turn left into the Militair Domein. The cemetery is sited 200 metres along on the right.



There are about 35 original burials in the cemetery which were those of casualties resulting from isolated engagements in or near the town. Of the remainder, some are burials from a military hospital which was established at Leopoldsburg during the latter part of 1944, and some were brought in from the surrounding district. There are now 800, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, nearly 20 are unidentified.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Frank Sabin Sergeant 5258441	Died of Wounds. 25th November 1944.	24	VI. B. 7.



BRUGGE GENERAL CEMETERY, Brugge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Brugge General Cemetery is located in the south east district of the town of Brugge. The N50 leads from the R30 Brugge ring road, heading towards Oostkamp. 2 kilometres along the N50, Baron Russettelaan, lies the left hand turning onto Brugs-Kerkhofstraat. The cemetery is located at the end of Brugs-Kerkhofstraat. The Commission plot is located centrally in the cemetery and vehicle access is possible via Kleine Kerkhofstraat. This cemetery is not an open site and access is limited by normal cemetery opening hours.

Brugge General Cemetery was used by the enemy in the 1914-18 War, and the graves of certain British soldiers buried by them were removed after the Armistice to Larch Wood Cemetery (Railway Cutting), Zillebeke. At the East end, in Assebrouck, is a Belgian Military Plot called Steenbrugge Military Cemetery and 1 British soldier is buried in it. There is 1 Commonwealth burial of the 1914-18 and 81 of the 1939-45 war commemorated in this site.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Frederick Thomas Coulcher Captain 240285 HQ	Died in Hospital 30th December 1944	30	Plot 63 Row 4. Grave 5.



Freddie Coulcher was evacuated to hospital in Brugge, Belgium on the 17th December 1944 for an operation but sadly died some 13 days later due to complications.

After an operation on the 30th December 1944, Captain Coulcher's condition steadily deteriorated and in spite of constant attention he died the same day, around 5pm. It was found that his death was the result of sodium tellurite and further enquiries revealed that during the operation a powder taken from a bottle labelled "sodium iodide" was administered in solution, but it was later established that this bottle, in fact, contained sodium tellurite. Investigations which followed shown that the label "sodium iodide" was on the bottle concerned before it reached the hospital.

BECKLINGEN WAR CEMETERY, Soltau, Niedersachsen, Germany

Becklingen War Cemetery is 13 kilometres south east of Soltau on the west side of the road from Hamburg to Hannover. From Hannover travel north in the direction of Hamburg on the Autoroute No.7 for 80 kilometres until the junction with Soltau Sud, this is in fact the junction of the A7 with the B3 Hannover to Hamburg road. On leaving the A7 at Soltau Sud follow the B3 in the direction of Celle and Bergen. The cemetery is on the right hand side of the road, 7 kilometres from the motorway junction.

Soltau, a small provincial town about 45 miles (76 kilometres) north of Hanover, adjoins Luneburg Heath, the pre-war training ground of the German army. The infamous concentration camp of Belsen lies about 8 miles (14 kilometres) to the south. Becklingen is a commune about 10 miles (17 kilometres) south of Soltau. The cemetery, known locally as "Englische Friedhof, Becklingen", is actually in the commune of Borkel, Kreis Becklingen, and is about a mile (1.5 kilometres) from Becklingen station. It lies on the west side of Route No. 3, the main Hamburg-Hanover road, 17 kilometres (about 10.5 miles) from Soltau and 34 kilometres (some 21 miles) north of Celle. Soltau is the nearest centre, and a taxi from the station the best means of reaching the cemetery. Alternatively, one can go by train from Celle to Becklingen, and walk or taxi the mile from the station. The site was chosen for the position on a hillside overlooking Luneburg Heath, where the German surrender was taken. To this final resting place were transferred soldiers, sailors and airmen from isolated graves in the countryside, small German cemeteries and prisoner of war camps cemeteries, including Fallingbostal, within a radius of about 50 miles. The majority of the graves are those of soldiers who gave their lives during the last two months of the war. The burials total 2,404 and are classified as follows.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
William Edward Cox Private 5251435	Died of Wounds. 15th April 1945.	24	3. E. 2.
Tom Gibson Foot Private 5618891	Killed in Action. 15th April 1945.	26	3. E. 1.

Thomas Edward Hancox

Lieutenant
330179

Killed in Action
10th April 1945

3. F. 10.

Alan James Hope

Private
5256650

Killed in Action.
16th April 1945.

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4. K. 2.

Bernard Felix Marchant

Private
5345495

Killed in Action.
15th April 1945.

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4. J. 7.

George Harold Oakley MM

Sergeant
5257811

Killed in Action.
16th April 1945.

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4. K. 6.

Bernard Harry Smith

Lieutenant
315694
Att. To 1st Bn. Worcesters
(Gloustershire Regiment)

Killed in Action.
14th April 1945.

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4. J. 5

REICHSWALD FOREST WAR CEMETERY, Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

The cemetery is 5 kilometres south west of Kleve. From Kleve take the Hoffmannallee from the town centre, which becomes the Materbornerallee. This road enters Reichswald Forest and becomes the Grunewaldstrasse. Follow the directions for Gennep, and on entering Reichswald Forest the cemetery is situated 500 metres on the left.



Reichswald Forest War Cemetery was created after the Second World War when burials were brought in from all over western Germany and is the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the country. Some of those members of the land forces buried there died in the advance through Reichswald Forest in February 1945. Others died crossing the Rhine, among them members of the airborne forces whose bodies were brought from Hamminkeln, where landings were made by the 6th Airborne Division from bases in England. Some of the airmen buried in the cemetery lost their lives in supporting the advance into Germany, but most died earlier in the war in the intensive air attacks over Germany. Their graves were brought in from cemeteries and isolated sites in the surrounding area. There are now 7,416 Commonwealth servicemen of the Second World War buried or commemorated in the cemetery. 161 of the burials are unidentified. There are also 79 war graves of other nationalities, most of them Polish.



Stone of remembrance and Cross of Sacrifice at Reichswald

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Harry Balcombe Private 14695420	Killed in Action. 27th March 1945.	23	56. G. 12.
James Henry Boulton Private 4918236	Killed in Action. 12th February 1945.	25	56. G. 17.
Ronald Frederick Bowden Lance Corporal 1437277	Killed in Action. 27th March 1945.	29	56. G. 10.
Roy Charles Conway Private 7344266	Killed in Action. 27th March 1945.	26	56. G. 2.
George Owen Davies Corporal 5254978	Killed in Action. 27th March 1945.	27	56. G. 11.
William Thomas Fereday Private 5735553	Killed in Action. 15th March 1945.	21	57. G. 1.

Herbert Frank Head

Private 14754168	Killed in Action. 27th March 1945.	19	56. G. 5.
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John Edward Horton

Corporal 14431358 C	Killed in Action. 12th February 1945.	19	56. G. 16.
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Alfred James William Ingleby

Private 14491880 D	Killed in Action. 27th March 1945.	18	56. G. 3.
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Jack Oliver Jones

Private 14718392	Killed in Action. 27th March 1945.	19	56. G. 6.
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Lawrence Charles Knight

Private 5254531	Killed in Action. 19th February 1945.	26	57. G. 7.
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Frederick Fenwick Lawson MC

Captain 253007 A	Killed in Action. 27th March, 1945.	22	56. G. 1.
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Captain Lawson and Lieutenant Shawcross, both of "A" Company, were killed by enemy machine gun fire during the Autobahn attack, near the village of Grievingshof, Germany.

Maurice Lovelock

Private 14758019	Killed in Action. 17th February 1945.	26	57. G. 8.
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Ronald William Arther Macey

Lance Corporal 5350500	Killed in Action. 16th February 1945.	21	57. G. 15.
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Bernard George Mott

Private 14756609	Killed in Action. 9th March 1945.	18	57. G. 18.
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Horace Parkes

Corporal
5252580
D

Killed in Action.
17th February 1945. 24 57. G. 6.

Dennis Purslow

Private
14529394

Killed in Action.
17th February 1945. 20 57. G. 16.

Daniel Quinlan

Private
14785305

Killed in Action.
9th March 1945. 32 57. G. 19.

Thomas James Rodda

Private
5257838

Killed in Action.
27th March 1945. 32 56. G. 4.

Charles Clifford Shaw

Private
14497341

Killed in Action.
23rd November 1944. 18 57. G. 11.

Michael Campbell Shawcross

Lieutenant
140073
A

Killed in Action.
27th March 1945. 28 56. G. 8.

Alfred Horace Smith

Private
5254182
D

Killed in Action.
27th March 1945. 27 56. G. 9.

Sydney Smith

Private
14380864

Killed in Action.
27th March 1945. 20 56. G. 7.

John Lucas Stride

Lieutenant
105330

Killed in Action.
4th March 1945. 57. G. 17.

On the night of the 4th March 1945 a fighting patrol, led by Lieut. Stride, went forward to Wardt, with the object of testing the enemy's strength and discovering their dispositions. On approaching the western edge of the village the patrol was heavily engaged by light machine gun fire killing Lieut. Stride. "C" Company found his body on the edge of an enemy slit trench the next morning.

Ernest Veal

Private
5258476

Killed in Action.
27th March 1945. 35 56. G.13.

George Albert Walker

Private
14496639

Died of Wounds.
28th March 1945. 18 56. G. 15.

Percival Walter Walters

Private
5346428

Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 30 57. G. 10.

Charles Frederick Warren

Private
6349988

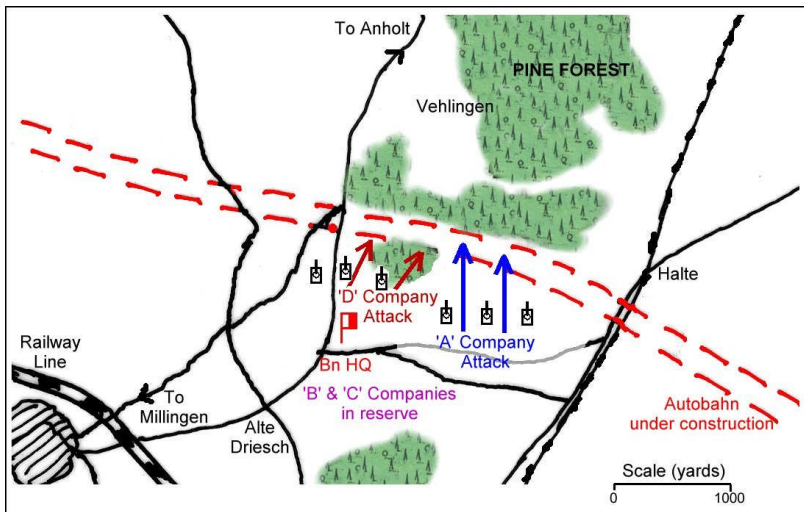
Killed in Action.
19th November 1944. 28 57. G. 9.

Ronald George Whitehead

Private
6103380

Died of Wounds.
29th March 1945. 25 56. G. 14.

Below is a location map showing the position of "A" Company during the Autobahn attack, where Captain Lawson, Lieutenant Shawcross and several men of "A" Company were gunned down by enemy spandaus and machine guns.



The Autobahn Attack (27th March 1945)

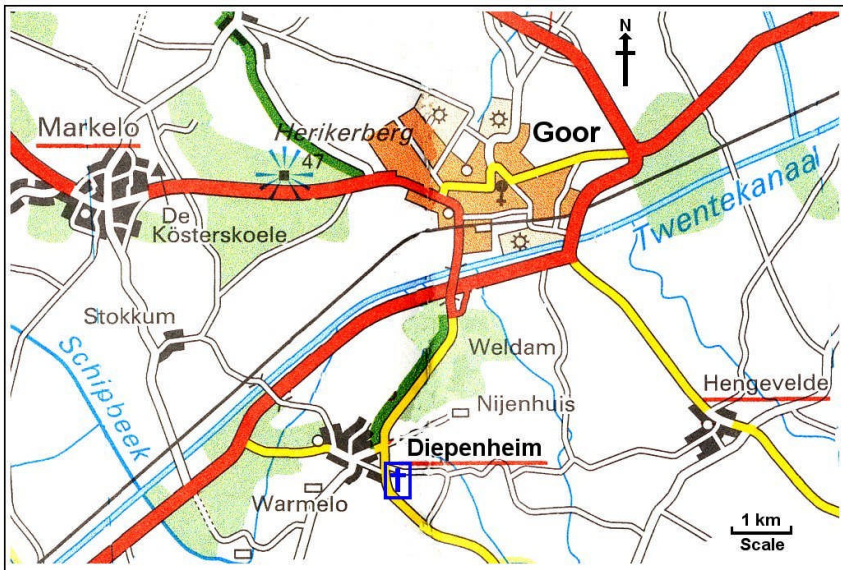
DIEPENHEIM GENERAL CEMETERY, Overijssel, Netherlands

Diepenheim is a large village about 19 kilometres south-west of Hengelo on the main road from Arnhem through Hengelo into Germany. The cemetery is on the western outskirts of the village, and the war graves are in the south-eastern part.

There are a small number of 1939-1945 war casualties commemorated in this site.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Sidney Stacey Private 5250799	Killed in Action. 1st April 1945.	27	Grave 4.

Private Stacey was driving the leading recce car in to the village of Diepenheim, about two miles south of Goor, when it was "bazookaed" by the enemy, killing him outright. The remainder of the crew was taken prisoners when they "baled out" of the burning vehicle.



Location map Diepenheim, Holland

HANOVER WAR CEMETERY, Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany

From the motorway A2/E34, which runs between Dortmund and Berlin, turn off at Junction 40 onto the 441 in the direction of Hannover, Ahlem and Seelze. After 7 kilometres turn right at the sign for Harrenberg, along Seelzestrasse, and continue through Harrenberg to the T junction and then turn left towards Hannover. Hanover War Cemetery and Hanover Military Cemetery are on the left of this road, 3 kilometres from the boundary of Harrenberg.

Many of the graves in Hanover War Cemetery were brought in from prisoner of war camp cemeteries, small German cemeteries and from isolated positions in the surrounding country. The cemetery contains 2,403 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War, 62 of them unidentified. There are also 39 non-war burials and ten war graves of other nationalities, most of them Polish. Hanover War Cemetery adjoins Hanover Military Cemetery, a substantial post war cemetery of more than 3,000 burials.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Arthur Brooks Private 14730539	Killed in Action. 3rd May 1945.	19	7. F. 6.
Enoch Gordon Corporal 5053187	Killed in Action. 17th April 1945.	29	7. G. 4.
Corporal Gordon was killed whilst driving the third carrier of a small advance party heading out of Ahlhorn.			
Sidney John Harris Private 14596533	Died 19th July 1946.	21	14. F. 15.
Eric Alfred Lawton Lieutenant 180176 Attd. 12th (Airborne) Bn., Devonshire Regiment	Killed in Action 6th April 1945	24	15. J. 6.

GROESBEEK MEMORIAL, Gelderland, Netherlands

Groesbeek is located 10 kilometres south east of the town of Nijmegen close to the German frontier. The Groesbeek Memorial stands in Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery which is 3 kilometres north of the village and 1.5 kilometres east of the main road to Nijmegen. On leaving the A73 motorway at the junction Overasselt-Mook-Groesbeek, follow directions to Mook. Follow direction signs towards Mook War cemetery. After passing Mook War cemetery, continue to the village of Groesbeek to a roundabout. Turn left at the roundabout onto Dorpstraat passing through Groesbeek. The road name then changes to Molenweg. A Commission direction sign indicates the right hand turning from Molenweg onto the Zeven Heuvelenweg. The Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery lies 1 kilometre after entering this road on the right hand side of the road. The memorial stands within the cemetery.



Allied forces entered the Netherlands on 12 September 1944. Airborne operations later that month established a bridgehead at Nijmegen and in the following months, coastal areas and ports were cleared and secured, but it was not until the German initiated offensive in the Ardennes had been repulsed that the drive into Germany could begin. Most of those buried in GROESBEEK CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY were Canadians, many of whom died in the Battle of the Rhineland, when the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Infantry Divisions and the 4th Canadian Armoured Division took part in the drive southwards from Nijmegen to clear the territory between the Maas and the Rhine in February and March 1945. Others buried here died earlier or later in the southern part of the Netherlands and in the Rhineland. The cemetery contains 2,610 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War, and nine war graves of other nationalities. Within the cemetery stands the GROESBEEK MEMORIAL, which commemorates by name more than 1,000 members of the Commonwealth land forces who died during the campaign in north-west Europe between the time of crossing the Seine at the end of August 1944 and the end of the war in Europe, and whose graves are not known.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
William Robert Cambrook Private 14423720 A	Killed in Action 6th November 1944	19	Panel 4.
Cyril Hemming Private 5253060	Killed in Action 18th November 1944	24	Panel 4.

Worcestershire Newspaper Extracts from October 1944

KILLED IN ACTION

On Tuesday last Mrs. Millar Broome, 37, Wood St., received the sad news that her son, Major William Henry Broome, had been killed in action on Sept. 30, while serving in Northern France. Major Broome, who was only 30 years of age. He was educated at



St. John's Day School, where he showed himself to be a brilliant pupil. At the age of 14 he left school to work at Dudfield and Quayie's Carpet Works where he was employed until he joined the army in 1939. Major

Broome's army career was exceptional, although only 30 he had risen in five years, from private to the rank of Major. He joined the R.A.O.C. in Aug. 1939, under Lieut-Col F. D. H. Burcher, and went to France in Jan. 1940, by which time he had been promoted L/Cpl. On his return to England, after going through Dunkirk, he was made a full Cpl. While in this country Col. Burcher recommended him for a commission and in March, 1942, he went to an O.C.T.U. to train for the infantry and passed out in July of the same year as head cadet. He was first posted to the Worcs. Regt. but a few weeks later was transferred to the South Staffs, before being moved to N. Ireland for intensive battle training. While in Ireland he gained the rank of full Lieut. and on his return to England in the spring of 1943, he became a Capt. It was soon after D-Day that Major Broome sailed for Normandy and it was there that the last glorious chapter of his army career was written. His battalion was the first to cross the River Orne. By reason of his distinguished services, Capt. Broome was raised to the rank of Major in the field. A few days later he was transferred to the Worcs. Regt. and it was while serving with them that he was killed on the 30th of last month. Major Broome was an ardent church worker and the interests of St. John's were near to his heart. He was a keen supporter of the Parish breakfast. But, without doubt, his greatest interest was in the Boys' Brigade which he joined when only 11. He played a prominent part in the running of this organisation from the time when he started as a bugler until he rose to be Bath Secretary for the whole town. Major Broome was also an active member of the Bewdley Rowing Club in which he rowed with the senior eight and won many trophies. Sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Broome whose husband, The Millar Broome, was killed in 1918 while serving with the Worcs. Regt., and also for Mrs. N. D. Palmer, Major Broome's only sister, whose husband is serving with H.M. Forces.

Captain N. Watkins, aged 31 years, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Watkins, of Bridge House, Lugwardine, has been killed on active service in North-West Europe.



Mr. Watkins had been on military service since the outbreak of war, when, as a Territorial, he took up duty with the Shropshire Yeomanry. Later, he joined the Royal Artillery, and after qualifying at Sandhurst for his commission, he joined the 1st Worcestershire Regt.

Captain Watkins was educated at Hereford Cathedral School, and on leaving joined the staff of Lloyds Bank, Bristol, afterwards being transferred to the Hereford branch. He took a very active part in sport, and was associated with the Bristol Ariel Rowing Club, also with the Saracens—the well-known Bristol Rugby Club—for which he played. He was also connected with Hereford rugby.

Of very genial disposition, Captain Watkins had greatly endeared himself to all who knew him, and his death will be much regretted by his bank colleagues and his large circle of friends.

KILLED IN ACTION

Randwijk

On the 29th September 1944, Major William Broome commanding "B" Company and Captain Noel Watkins his second-in-command were using a house in the small village of Randwijk, Holland (near the Neder Rijn) as their Company HQ. By chance a German "88" shell came through the window of the house killing Captain Watkins and mortally wounding Major Broome, who died the following day.

OTHER WAR DEAD

Thomas Adams

Private

5259544

11th January 1945. Age 35

STOKE-ON-TRENT (BURSLEM) CEMETERY, Staffordshire, United Kingdom

Sec. R.C. 1. Grave 18.

Edward Thomas Pearce

Private

14216762

20th December 1944. Age 20

SHAW CEMETERY, NEWBURY, Berkshire, United Kingdom - Grave 1001.

Peter Charles Smewing

Private

6106560

18th July 1944. Age 20

BANDON HILL CEMETERY, Surrey, United Kingdom - Sec. X.D. Grave 185.

BIRMINGHAM (YARDLEY) CEMETERY, Warwickshire, United Kingdom

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards. The First World War saw four important hospitals - besides many smaller - posted at Birmingham: the 1st Southern General (3,500 beds) was in the university and other buildings, with a section at Stourbridge; the 2nd/1st Southern General (1,800 beds) in the Dudley Road Infirmary and in billets; the 1st Birmingham War Hospital (1,000 beds) at Rubery Hill Asylum and the 2nd Birmingham War Hospital (900 beds) at Hollymoor Asylum. Military hospitals were at Birmingham again during the Second World War, including No 7 Canadian Hospital at Marston Green. Birmingham and Coventry were among the chief manufacturing areas producing materials for the war effort and were subjected to many devastating air raids during the Blitz of 1940-41. Birmingham (Yardley) Cemetery contains 262 First World War burials, 62 of which form a war graves plot. Screen walls commemorate those buried in the plot and in graves elsewhere in the cemetery not marked by headstones. Second World War burials number 250, 31 of them forming a small plot towards the centre of the cemetery, the rest scattered. The names of six men buried in graves not marked by headstones have been added to the existing screen wall.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
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Harold Norman Rockall

Private

14542099

Died

28th August 1944.

Age 19. Joint. Grave 61464.

RANVILLE WAR CEMETERY, Calvados, France

Ranville is best reached by taking the D513 north-eastwards out of Caen, and after about 9 kilometres turning left at Herouvillette. Go north for one kilometre and then turn left into Ranville village. The War Cemetery is on Rue des Airbornes.

The Allied offensive in north-western Europe began with the Normandy landings of 6 June 1944. Ranville was the first village to be liberated in France when the bridge over the Caen Canal was captured intact in the early hours of 6 June by troops of the 6th Airborne Division, who were landed nearby by parachute and glider. Many of the division's casualties are buried in Ranville War Cemetery and the adjoining churchyard. The CEMETERY contains 2,235 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War, 97 of them unidentified. There are also 321 German graves and a few burials of other nationalities. The CHURCHYARD contains 47 Commonwealth burials, one of which is unidentified, and one German grave.

Name-Rank-Number	Date of Death	Age	Grave
Frederick Fleischer (Alias Frederick Fletcher) Private 13051439	Killed in Action 11th June 1944	??	IVA. M. 12.
1st Bn., Worcestershire Regiment and No. 6, Commando			

CELLE WAR CEMETERY, Celle, Niedersachsen, Germany

The cemetery is located in the town of Celle, 40 kilometres north-east of Hannover, along the route 3 in the direction of Soltau. From Hannover follow the signs to Celle and continue through the town centre on the route 3, direction Soltau. On the northern outskirts of the town the road is called Harburgurstrasse and on the left hand side of this road, before a large junction with traffic lights, there is a sign pointing to the cemetery. Turn right into I M Rolande and the cemetery is at the end of this road on the left.

Celle War Cemetery was the hospital cemetery of the 64th British Military Hospital and those buried here were mainly servicemen who died of wounds sustained during the last month or so of the war. The cemetery contains 206 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War and three Polish war graves.

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Harry Dunn Private 5258065	Died 24th November 1945.	34.	3. F. 11.

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Note:

In the 1st Bn. Worcestershire Regiment History by Major D. Y. Watson, there was reference to Lieutenant W. C. Bratt missing presumed killed at La Variniere, France on the 7th August 1944. However, there is no record of his death or war grave with the War Graves Commission.