

1. Why are there war graves and memorials at Brookwood?

Brookwood Military Cemetery is the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the United Kingdom, covering approximately 37 acres.

In 1917, an area of land in Brookwood Cemetery was set aside for the burial of men and women of the forces of the Commonwealth and the United States, who had died of illness and injury in the London's hospitals. ~This continued in the Second World War. In addition to the Commonwealth plots, the cemetery also contains French, Polish, Czechoslovakian, Belgian and Italian sections, and a number of war graves of other nationalities all cared for by the Commission.

2. Where are the war graves and memorials in Brookwood?

Brookwood Military Cemetery is actually made up of more than 10 different cemetery plots and two memorials. As you will see from the plan below they are laid out across a large area.

3. Discover where these people came from

Use the flags to discover where some of those who are buried and remembered at Brookwood came from.

Canadian section

2,400 war graves
From: Bahamas, British Guiana, Canada, Ireland, Monserrat, New Zealand, Poland, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States



Brookwood 1939-45 Memorial

3,300 names
From: Australia, Belgium, British Guiana, Canada, France, Ireland, Israel, Madagascar, Malta, Poland, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Syria, United Kingdom, United States, Zimbabwe



Italian plot

339 war graves
From: Italy



First World War plot

2,155 war graves
From: Australia, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Newfoundland, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States



Muslim plot

26 war graves
From: India, Pakistan



RAF section

480 war graves
From: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, British Guiana, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Ireland, Jamaica, Netherlands, Newfoundland, New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States, Zimbabwe



Brookwood 1914-18 Memorial

322 names
From: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom



French plot

244 war graves
From: France



Polish plot

67 war graves
From: Poland



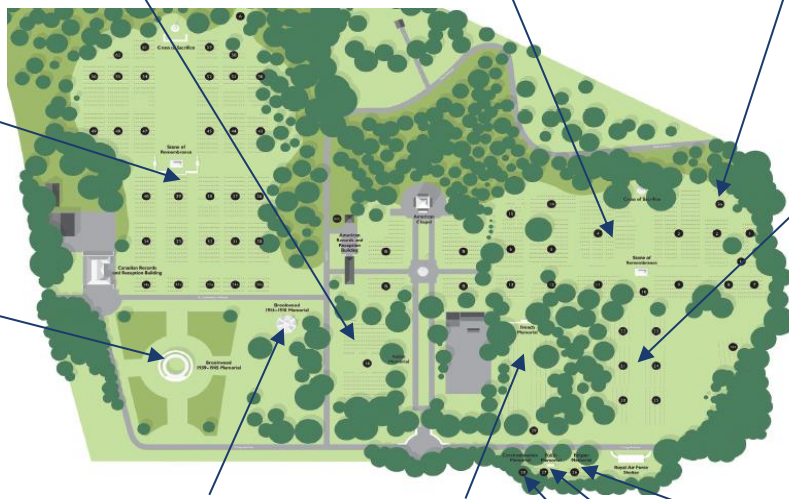
Czech plot

45 war graves
From: Czechoslovakia



Belgian plot

47 war graves
From: Belgium



4. Discover more about the service of those buried at Brookwood

4.1 Each headstone in the cemetery tells a different story.

As you explore the **Second World War section**, see what you can learn from the headstones. See if you can find the following;

- 1. Who is the **youngest** soldier you can find?
- 2. Who is the **oldest** soldier you can find?
- 3. How many **different countries** did they come from, based on the information you can discover on the headstones?

4.3 As you explore the cemetery, look at the different badges on the headstones. These will give you a clue as to the role the person had and maybe where they came from. As you find each badge, **write down the name of the person who served with that unit in the box** next to the badge.



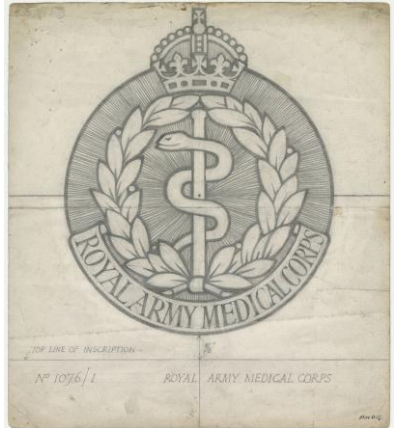
4.2 The Royal Canadian Air Force provided aircrew for many of the planes which fought in the skies over Europe.



During the Second World War, the Royal Navy was the largest in the world. More than 50,000 sailors died in the war.



More than 65,000 women served in the ATS - the women's branch of the British Army in the Second World War.



The Royal Army Medical Corps provided medical support to the troops fighting, running medical units and hospitals



Many cap badge represented places where regiments had served in the past. Search for clues on this badge?



Soldiers from Poland fought in Egypt and Palestine in the Second World War. Many others went on to fight in Italy or served in the UK.



The Pioneer Corps did all sorts of tasks from building roads to clearing mine fields.

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