

1. Why are there war graves in Sierra Leone?

During the World Wars (1914-1918 and 1939-1945), Sierra Leone was the base for recruiting and training men for the armed forces. The ports and harbours along the coast were of great value to convoys bound for the Middle East, India, South Africa and South America. By the end of 1942, coastal defence artillery had been installed and manned in all the principal West African ports. Freetown was an important naval base during both wars.

CWGC in Sierra Leone

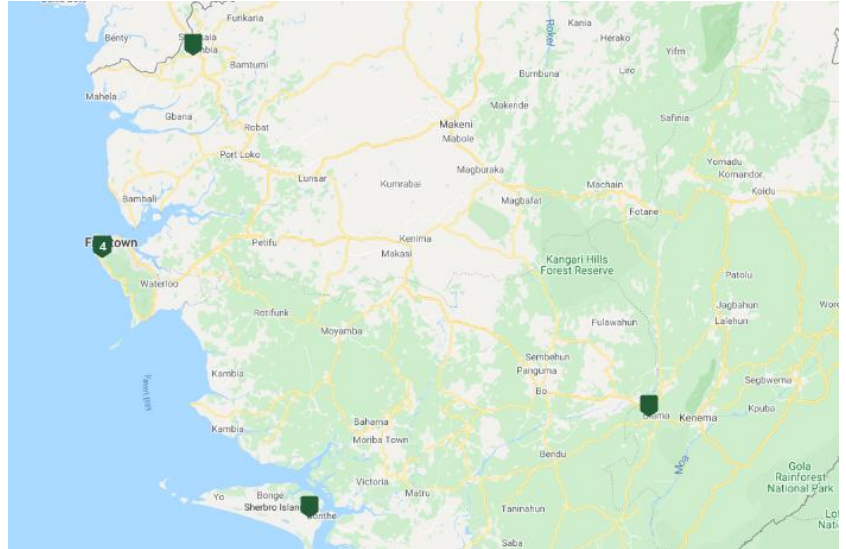
8 locations

3000 commemorations

5 cemeteries

2 memorials

1 Book of Remembrance



2. What can you learn about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission from the display?

How many men from the Sierra Leone Carrier Corps lost their lives during the First World War?	
When was the First World War?	
In which countries did Sierra Leoneans serve?	
What sort of roles did Sierra Leoneans have?	
How many servicemen and women do the CWGC commemorate?	
In how many different countries will you find CWGC war graves?	
Why is the Book of Remembrance needed?	

4. Where are the war graves in Freetown?

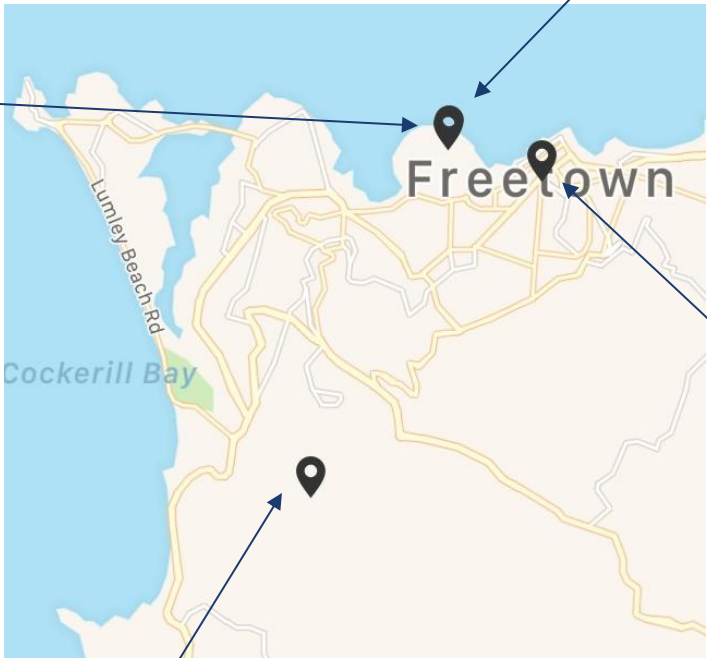
There are CWGC war graves and memorials at three locations across Freetown. Look at the map below to see where they are.

5. Discover where these people came from

Use the flags to discover where some of the soldiers who are buried and remembered in Freetown came from. How many different countries did they come from?



Freetown (King Tom) Cemetery
534 graves
From: Australia, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, St Vincent



Freetown (Lumley) Cemetery
74 graves
From: Great Britain, Nigeria, Sierra Leone,



Freetown (King Tom) Cemetery Memorial
35 names
From: Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand



Freetown Memorial
1365 names
From: Gambia, Great Britain, India, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, South Africa



Be part of the future...

The exhibition and the Book of Remembrance is part of a campaign which will unearth the stories of those who died and ask for your views on how these men may be permanently memorialised in the future. You can share your stories or ideas here at the National Museum or via phone or WhatsApp to 072218228.

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