

1. Why are there war graves and memorials in Ypres (Ieper)?

From October 1914 to the autumn of 1918, Ypres (now Ieper) was at the centre of a salient held by Commonwealth (and for some months by French) forces. During the war, there were five major battles fought to the north, east and south of the city, but Ypres never fell to the Germans.

The city was bombarded and destroyed more completely than any other town of its size on the Western Front, but even so certain buildings remained distinguishable. The ruins of the cathedral and the cloth hall stood together in the middle of the city.

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

There are CWGC war graves and memorials at six locations close to the centre of Ypres. There are many more cemeteries and memorials in the surrounding area. Study the map below to see where they are.

3. Discover where these people came from

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

Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial

54,500 names

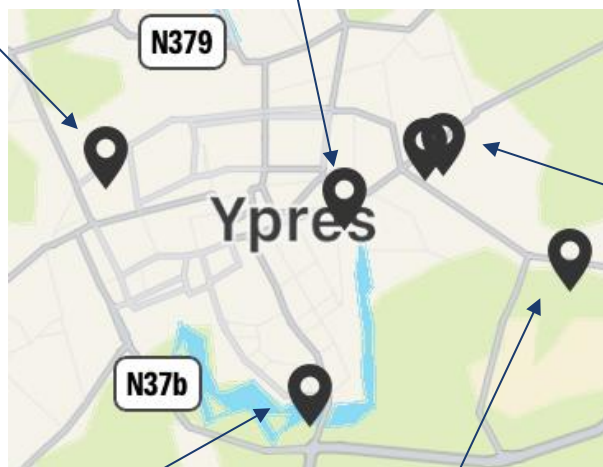
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Ypres Reservoir Cemetery

2,614 war graves

From: Australia, Canada, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Malta, Newfoundland, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom, USA



Ypres Town Cemetery and Extension

145 and 673 war graves

From: Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Ireland, Jamaica, South Africa, United Kingdom



Ramparts Cemetery

197 war graves

From: Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom



Menin Road South Military Cemetery

1,658 war graves

From: Australia, Barbados, Canada, Greece, Ireland, Jamaica, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, USA



4. Discover more about the service of those buried at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial

4.1 Each name on the memorial tells a different story. As you explore the memorial, record the **different countries** they come from, based on the information you can discover on the memorial panels? *Take care as you move around the memorial and take extra care when crossing the road.*

4.2 As you explore the memorial, find the panel connected with the soldier shown below and answer the question set. The odd numbered panels are on one side of the road, the even numbered panels on the other. *Take care as you cross the road.*



Charles Fitzclarence is the most senior soldier named on the Gate. He is on Panel 3. What is his rank and which medal is recorded after his name?



Sydney Sylvanus Mills came from Adelaide, South Australia. He is named on Panel 17. What was his rank and what medal was he awarded?



The **British West Indies Regiment** recruited across the Caribbean. More than 15,000 served. Write down the name of the Corporal named on Panel 15A.

* No named photos are currently available of BWIR soldiers



On Panels 1 and 2 are the names of more than 820 soldiers from the Indian Army. Who is the soldier on Panel 1 who was awarded the IOM (Indian Order of Merit)?

* No named photos are currently available of Indian Army soldiers



Hikotaro Koyanagi is named on Panel 30. He was born in Japan. He later enlisted and served with which force?



William Vangheluwe was from Roeselare in Belgium. He is named on Panel 32. Who did he serve with and what name did he serve under?