

## 1. Why are there war graves in Cairo?

At the outbreak of the First World War, Cairo was headquarters to the United Kingdom garrison in Egypt. With Alexandria, it became the main hospital centre for Gallipoli in 1915 and later dealt with the sick and wounded from operations in Egypt and Palestine.

Later, General Headquarters, Middle East Command, was set up in Cairo shortly before the Second World War, remaining there throughout the war years. In January 1941, a Royal Air Force Headquarters for Fighter Defence of the Canal Zone was established. Cairo was again a significant hospital centre during the Second World War for British and Imperial forces.

## 2. Where are the war graves in Cairo?

Today, there are CWGC war graves and memorials at 8 locations in the city of Cairo. 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 across the city of Cairo came from.

### Cairo War Memorial Cemetery

2411 war graves

From: Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Cook Islands, India, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Mauritius, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Seychelles, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, Zimbabwe



### Heliopolis (Port Twefik) Memorial

3727 names

From: India, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, United Kingdom



### Heliopolis (Aden) Memorial

612 names

From: India, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, United Kingdom



### Heliopolis War Cemetery

1830 war graves

From: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Cook Islands, Egypt, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Malta, Mauritius, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom, USA, Zimbabwe



### Giza Memorial

From: Egypt



### Old Cairo New Latin Cemetery

1 war grave  
From: Egypt



### Cairo New British Protestant Cemetery

28 war graves

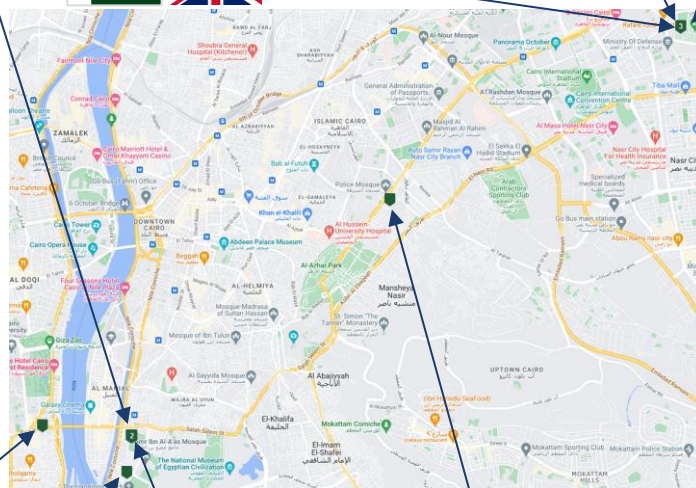
From: Australia, United Kingdom



### Abbasiya Indian Cemetery

75 war graves

From: India, Pakistan, Nepal



## 4. Discover more about the service of those buried at War Memorial Cemetery

**4.1** Each headstone in the cemetery tells a different story.

As you explore the cemetery 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 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** There is just one headstone which has this medal engraved on. It is the **Victoria Cross**, awarded for supreme bravery. Who was awarded it?



More than a million Australian troops fought across the globe in the world wars. More than 103,000 died.



More than 650,000 people served in the Canadian forces in the First World War. They fought in the Middle East, in Greece and on the Western Front.



Soldiers from South Africa fought in many campaigns in North, East and South-West Africa, Europe and the Middle East in the world wars.



The British West Indies Regiment recruited across the Caribbean. Its soldiers served in Europe and in the Middle East in the First World War.



More than 200,000 New Zealand troops, including native Māori's left New Zealand for service overseas in the world wars. More than 30,000 died.



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

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