



Historical Cases of Non-Commemoration Progress Report, Number 13

Historian-led archival research to find names and answer the outstanding questions of the programme are now approaching their conclusion. To date, 11,640 names of previously un-commemorated servicemen have been identified and put forward for CWGC commemoration.

This number marks a significant achievement, particularly given the uncertainty on beginning the programme as to whether any records would have survived the passage of time. This quarter has seen notable progress in marking graves and creating memorials. Headstone placements are planned across eight sites in Cameroon, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and South Africa. Design and construction have commenced on the second major redress memorial, this time in Sierra Leone and plans for the Nairobi (Kariokor) Cemetery continue.

Progress this quarter includes:

- The Cape Town Labour Corps Memorial is now open fully open to the public attracting up to good numbers of visitors
- Responsibility now moves to the CWGC area teams for both on-going care and maintenance, to promote the previously unsung stories and experiences of Black South African servicemen through visitor experience, education and outreach programmes
- An education pilot will engage 4,000 learners and young people from diverse and disadvantaged Cape Town communities to connect them with the new memorial
- The *British Journal of Military History* is preparing to publish our wider research findings on the numbers missing from commemoration in East Africa. We will publish when the publication is in the public domain
- The draft report on Commission activities during and after the Second World War is currently undergoing a second review by a group of experts. We have responded to their feedback and are on track to publish later this year
- The volunteer research programme to review and validate names from the Punjab Registers and is on track to deliver up to 8,000 additional names by the end of the year
- The digitisation of a portion from the extremely rare records held by the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) is now complete and the records are published on the British Library's website. This archive has generated 1 in 4 of the names identified by the programme (3,041 of 11,640)

- For the new Sierra Leone Carrier Corps Memorial, we have announced our architect, Tosin Oshinowo and shared our plans for an evocative, glass-etched addition to the Edwin Lutyens designed memorial plinth in Freetown, Sierra Leone
- The design implementation programme is now underway, with initial renovations underway for the panels and plinth
- The design extends beyond the capital and four additional satellite markers will also be created in the provinces of Bo, Kenema, Maken and Port Loko
- Given the site's restricted access and limited public entry, it is essential to highlight the design creation story and its diverse, community-first approach. The memorial honours chapter in the nation's history that has received little recognition internationally. Our established partnership with the National Museum of Sierra Leone will help amplify the projects reach. More widely, we recognise reach to international diaspora communities is vital
- During the commemorative period to mark VE Day 80 years since the end of the Second World War and CWGC's War Graves Week, the NCP education team engaged with tour guides, including delivering a presentation at the East Africa Tour Guides Conference as well as delivering education and outreach events in Bangladesh, Egypt, Ghana, India, Kenya, Sierra Leone and South Africa
- Public engagement on the Punjab registers progresses well, and the team are pursuing nine events to align with South Asian Heritage Month in the UK
- On the continent of Africa, 106 African military casualties buried in cemeteries and whose location was previously unknown to CWGC have been verified, and will now receive equal commemoration
- Planned headstone placements are scheduled within eight sites. The first placements will be on Robben Island, South Africa and Sandfontein Cemetery, Namibia
- This project has progressed enhancement plans for one private memorial. Kenyan practice, Studio Mehta is delivering a CWGC restoration and enhancement of an established memorial that marks the grave of 14 men of the Arab rifles in Mkongani village, Kwale. The education team has delivered a pilot tour to over 200 school children, and outreach will continue in the district.

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