

1. Why are there war graves in Myanmar?

Rangoon War Cemetery is one of the three war cemeteries in Burma (now Myanmar). It was first used as a burial ground immediately following the recapture of Rangoon in May 1945. Later, the Army Graves Service moved in graves from several burial sites in and around Rangoon, including those of the men who died in Rangoon Jail as prisoners of war. There are now 1,381 Commonwealth servicemen of the Second World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 85 of the burials are unidentified and there are special memorials to more than 60 casualties whose graves could not be precisely located. In 1948, the graves of 36 Commonwealth servicemen who died in Rangoon during the First World War were moved into this cemetery, 35 of them from Rangoon Cantonment Cemetery and one from Rangoon (Pazundaung) Town Cemetery.

2. Where are the war graves in Myanmar?

Today, there are CWGC war graves and memorials at five locations in Myanmar. Study the map below to see where they are.

3. Discover where these people came from

Use the flags to discover where some of the soldiers who are buried in Myanmar came from or had connections to.

Taukkyan War Cemetery

6,445 war graves
From: Australia, Canada, Gambia, Ghana, India, Ireland, Myanmar, Nigeria, Nepal, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, South Africa, United Kingdom, USA, Zimbabwe



Taukkyan Cremation Memorial

1,060 names
From: India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, United Kingdom



Yangon (U Ohn Khine Road) Jewish Cemetery

1 war grave
From: United Kingdom



Moulmein Roman Catholic Cemetery

1 war grave
From: United Kingdom



Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery

3,770 war graves
From: Australia, Canada, India, Ireland, Malaysia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore, United Kingdom, USA, Zimbabwe



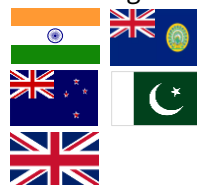
Rangoon Memorial

26,847 war graves
From: Australia, Canada, Gambia, Ghana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Malawi, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, United Kingdom, Zambia



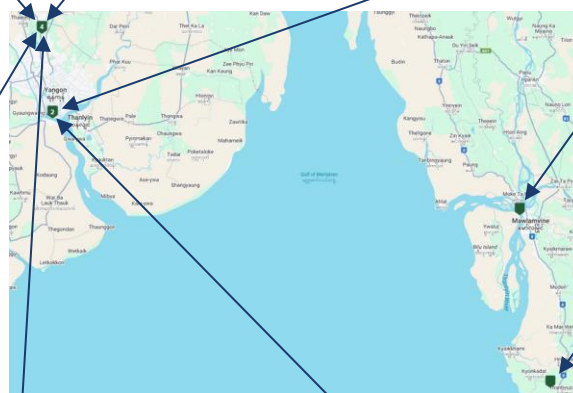
Taukkyan Memorial

46 names
From: India, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, United Kingdom



Rangoon War Cemetery

1,426 war graves
From: Australia, Canada, Gambia, Ghana, India, Ireland, Malawi, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, United Kingdom, Zambia, Zimbabwe



4. Discover more about the service of those buried at Rangoon War 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.



4.2 There is just two headstones which has this badge engraved on. One is in **Collective Grave 4**. It is the George Cross awarded for supreme bravery.

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.



The Royal West African Frontier Force was an infantry unit which recruited in Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria and and Sierra Leone. Find this badge in **Plot 2**



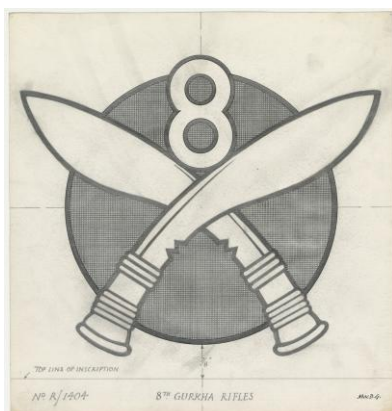
There are 6 Australian airmen buried here. Two are buried in **Plot 3**. Can you find one of them.



In **Collective Grave 4** you will find a grave with the badge of the Karen Rifles – a Burmese infantry regiment. Who wore it?



In **Plot 1** is soldier from the King's African Rifles. This was an infantry unit recruited in Kenya, Malawi, Somalia, Tanzania and Uganda.



The British Indian Army included soldiers recruited in Nepal - the Gurkhas. Can you find some in **Plot 14**?



Many infantry regiments in the British Army were named after the areas from which many men came from. Can you find this badge in **Plot 5**?

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