

## 1. Why are there war graves and memorials In Gibraltar?

Gibraltar has been a British fortress since the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. During the world wars, Gibraltar played a vital role for the British and Commonwealth Forces who fought in the campaign in Europe, the Mediterranean, North Africa and the Middle East.

During the Second World War, Gibraltar was an important base for the navy and the air forces operating in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Miles of tunnels were dug beneath the Rock to create an underground city of stores, barracks, offices and even a hospital. There was enough space for 30,000 troops.

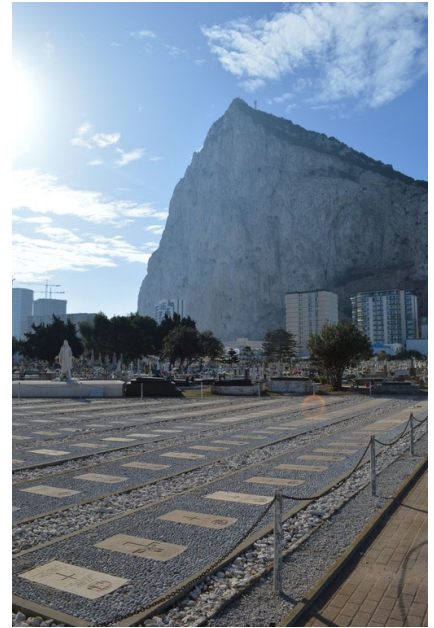
## 2. Where are the war graves and memorials in this area?

There is three CWGC cemeteries and memorials in Gibraltar. Study the map below to see where they are.

The cemeteries has been in use since the 18th century. During the World Wars they were used for the burial of sailors and soldiers who died on ships passing Gibraltar, or in the Military Hospital. The Gibraltar Memorial, which commemorates, by name, seven soldiers from the First World War and 91 airmen and soldiers who died during the Second World War who were buried at sea.

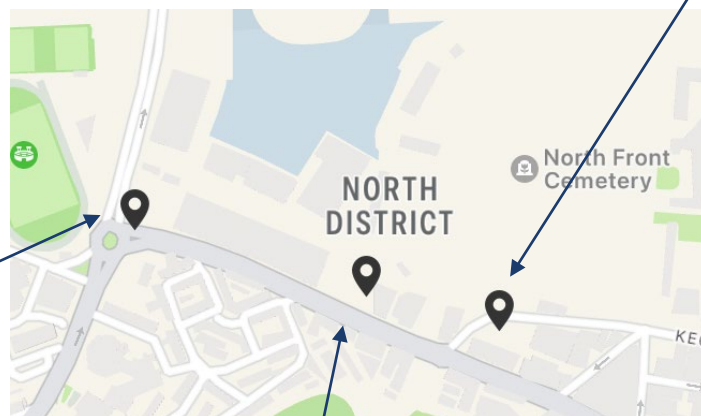
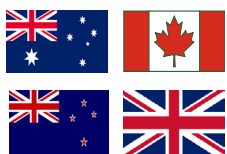
## 3. Discover where these people came from

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



### Gibraltar Memorial

98 names  
From: *Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom*



### Gibraltar North Front Cemetery

689 war graves  
From: *Australia, Canada, Germany, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Poland, United Kingdom, USA*



### Gibraltar North Front Jewish Cemetery

2 war graves  
From: *United Kingdom*



## 4. Discover more about the service of those buried at North Front 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 discover the following;

1. Who is the **youngest** person you can find?
2. Who is the **oldest** person you can find?
3. How many **different countries** did they come from, based on the information you can discover on the headstones?



**4.2** There is a number of headstones with this badge on it. These soldiers came from West Africa.

**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.



More than 100,000 troops, including native Māori's left New Zealand for service overseas in Samoa, Gallipoli, the Middle East, Belgium and France.



More than 1.6 million Canadian troops fought across the globe in the world wars. More than 110,000 died in service.



More than 430,000 people enlisted into the Australian forces in the First World War. They fought in the Middle East, in Greece and on the Western Front.



The Merchant Marine was the largest in the world. It recruited people from all over the globe to serve on the ships.



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



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