

## 1. Why are there war graves and memorials in Normandy?

On 6 June 1944, the Allies landed on the beaches of Normandy, and the battle to liberate France from German occupation began. The Battle for Normandy was fought until August 1944 with burials made across the region where the fighting was taking place. British medical facilities were established in Normandy soon after D-Day, and on 24 June hospitals were established in tents on the outskirts of Bayeux. Over the following months thousands of men were treated there. Those who died at the hospital were buried nearby.

80 years later, the cemeteries stand as permanent reminders of Operation *Overlord*. Constructed across the former battlefields, today they are places of peace and reflection, telling the stories of those who fought and died.

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

There are war graves and memorials at 117 locations across the Calvados region. Study the map below to see where some of the cemeteries and memorials in the Normandy area are.

## 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.

### Bayeux War Cemetery

4,654 war graves  
From: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, Soviet Union, United Kingdom, USA



### Bayeux Memorial

1,804 names  
From: Canada, France, Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom, USA



### Jerusalem War Cemetery

48 war graves  
From: Czechoslovakia, United Kingdom



### Ryes War Cemetery

988 war graves  
From: Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Poland, Switzerland, United Kingdom



### Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery

2,049 war graves  
From: British Guiana, Canada, Cuba, Newfoundland, United Kingdom, USA



### Hermanville War Cemetery

1,005 war graves  
From: Australia, Canada, Ireland, United Kingdom, Zimbabwe



### Ranville War Cemetery

2,566 war graves  
From: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Ireland, Germany, New Zealand, Poland, United Kingdom, USA



### Banneville-la-Campagne War Cemetery

2,175 war graves  
From: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Malaya, Netherlands, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Poland, United Kingdom, USA, Zimbabwe



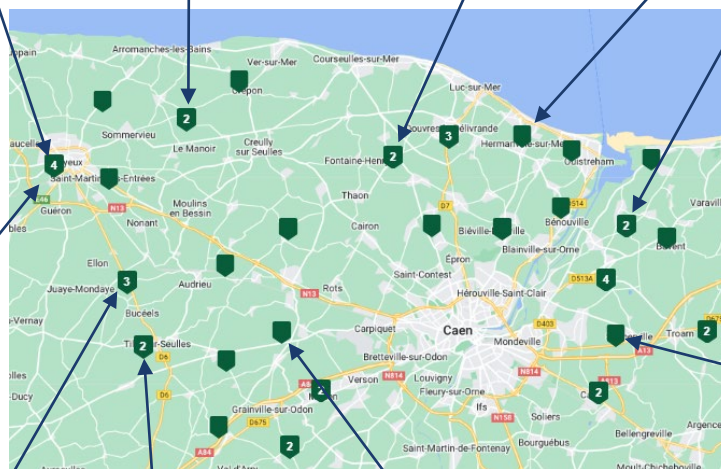
### Tilly-sur-Seulles War Cemetery

1,221 war graves  
From: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom



### St Manvieu War Cemetery

2,182 war graves  
From: Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, United Kingdom, Zimbabwe

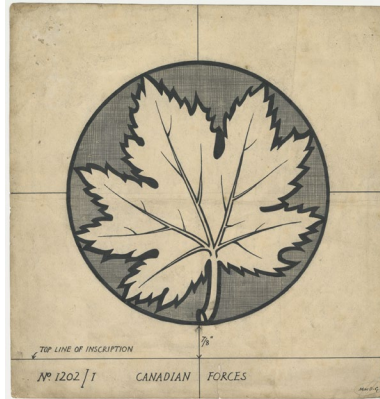


## 4. Discover more about the service of those buried at Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery

**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 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** More than 1.6 million Canadian troops fought across the globe in the world wars. More than 110,000 died in service. Can you find one who died on D Day?

**4.3** As you explore the cemetery, look at the information on the headstones. Each will tell you a story about who this person was. As you find the grave of those shown below, write down the **rank** of the person, their **unit** and **when they died** in the box next to picture. You can also note any other interesting information.



Walter Brown is buried in **Plot XIII, Row C, Grave 1.**



Lawrence Chartrand is buried in **Plot XVI, Row D, Grave 9.** His brother, Louis is buried in **Plot XIV, Row B, Grave 4.**



Ronald Weir is buried in **Plot XVI, Row A, Grave 15.**



John MacNaughton was killed leading his men on D Day. He is buried in **Plot I, Row G, Grave 8.**



Harold Littlecrow is one of several First Nation Canadians here. He is buried in **Plot VIII, Row D, Grave 12.**



Ernest Baker was a high ranking and decorated fighter pilot. He is buried in **Plot XIII, Row H, Grave 11.**