

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

YOKOHAMA WAR CEMETERY was constructed by the Australian War Graves Group after the Second World War and contains the graves of Commonwealth servicemen who died in Japan as prisoners of war or with the occupying forces after the war. It comprises of four main parts; the United Kingdom section, the Australian section, the Canadian and New Zealand section and the Indian Forces 1939-1945 section. There is also one First World War burial and a Dutch war grave. The cemetery also contains the YOKOHAMA MEMORIAL which commemorates 20 members of the Army of Undivided India and the Royal Indian Air Force who died while serving with the occupation forces in Japan, for whom no burial or cremation information exists. The YOKOHAMA CREMATION MEMORIAL, a shrine which houses an urn containing the ashes of 335 soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Commonwealth, the United States of America and the Netherlands who died as prisoners of war in Japan also stands within the cemetery. Their names (save for 51 who were not identified) are inscribed on the walls of the shrine.

## 2. Are there other war graves in Japan?

There are CWGC war graves and memorials at three locations across Japan. Study the map below to see where they are.

## 3. Discover where these people came from

Use the modern flags to discover where some of those who are buried and remembered in Japan came from.

### Yokohama War Cemetery

1689 graves

From: Argentina, Australia,, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Malta, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, United Kingdom, USA, Zimbabwe



### Zoshigaya Cemetery

1 grave

### Aoyama Cemetery

1 grave

### Yokohama Cremation Memorial

335 names

From: Australia, Netherlands, United Kingdom, USA



### Yokohama Memorial

20 names

From: India, Nepal, Pakistan



4. Discover more about the service of those buried at Yokohama 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?

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, or service in the box next to the badge.



4.2 There is just one headstone which has this badge engraved on. Who were they and what was their role?



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.



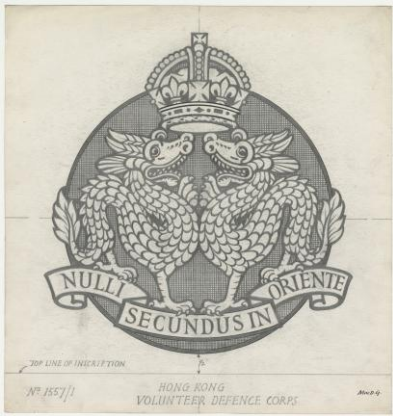
More than a million Australian troops fought across the globe in the world wars. More than 103,000 died.



The Merchant Navy recruited from all over the globe, including many from India. Can you find some merchant sailors in **Indian Section Plot A?**



More than 1.1 million people served in the Canadian Forces in the Second World War. More than 42,000 died fighting across the globe.



The Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps helped to defend Hong Kong in 1941. Can you find this badge in **British Section Plot G?**



There is one soldier from the Netherlands Army buried here in the **British Section Plot E?**

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