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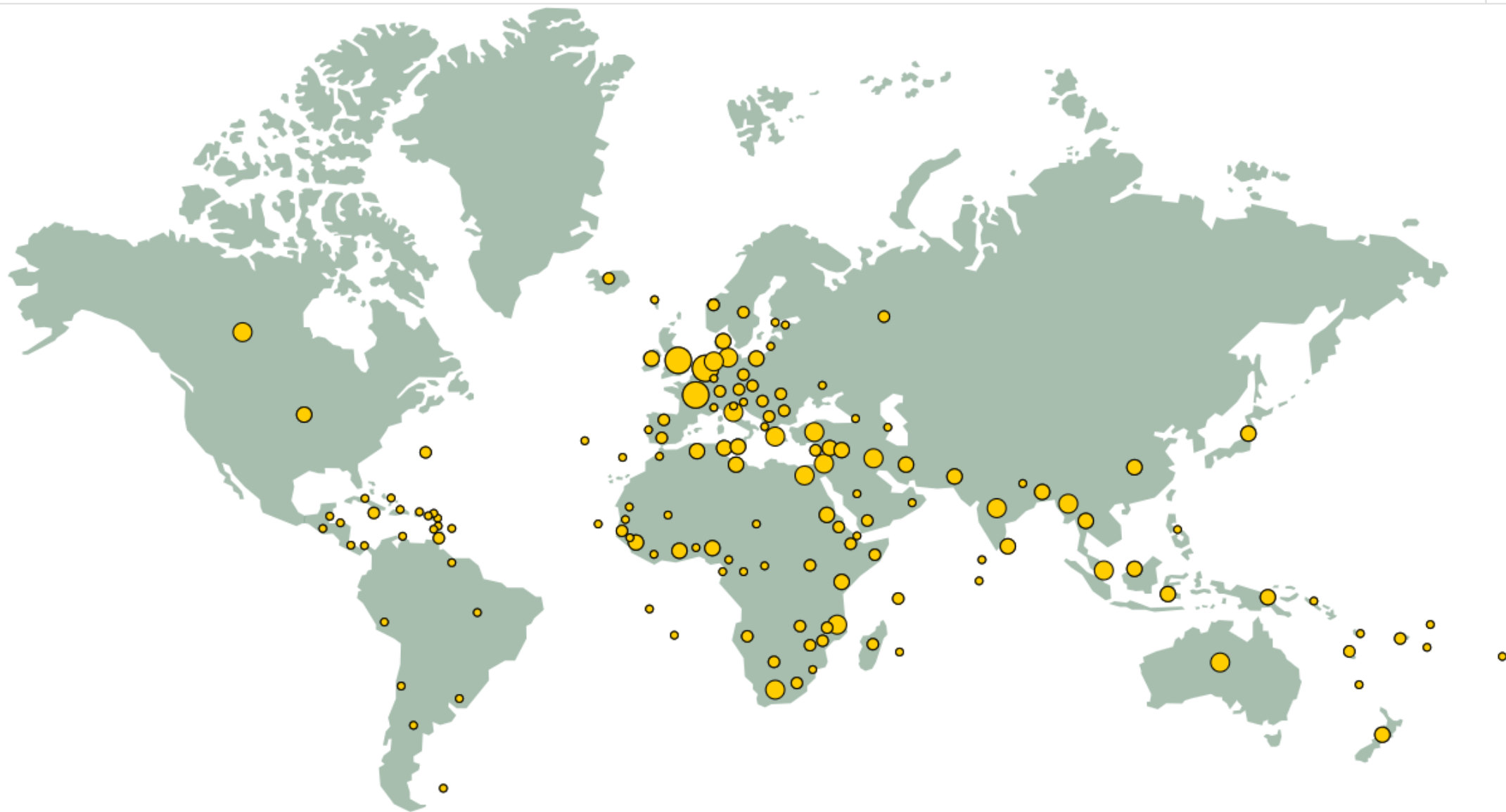
COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION Caring for the fallen

WE HONOUR AND CARE FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN
OF THE COMMONWEALTH FORCES WHO DIED IN
THE FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WARS, ENSURING
THEY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) was established by Royal Charter in 1917 as the sole organization charged with the commemoration of Commonwealth servicemen and women who died during the First World War.

The remit was later extended to include the Second World War.

Today, it maintains the graves or commemorations of over **1.7 million** of such fallen service personnel worldwide, including more than 165,000 war graves at over **12,000 locations** in the UK



Total commemorations in country



Where to find the graves

- Military cemeteries
- Civilian cemeteries and churchyards, sometimes grouped together into a plot, or scattered amongst the civilian graves.

Military cemeteries: Cannock Chase War Cemetery



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- 97 Commonwealth burials (WW1) most of them New Zealanders,
- 286 German burials (WW1); . 3 (WW2)
- 58 German burials in Plot 4 were all brought into the cemetery in 1963, as part of the German Government's policy to remove all graves situated in cemeteries or war graves plots not maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.
- Large military training camp for the New Zealand Rifle Brigade.
- Prisoner-of-war hospital with 1,000 beds




	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	
	Id	Surname	Forename	Initials	AgeAtDeat	Honours	DateOfDea	DateOfDea	Rank	Regiment	Secondary	Unit	Secondary	CountryOf	ServiceNui	Burial	Cemetery	GraveRef	AdditionalInfo					
2	6003798	KOCHAN	GUSTAV	G	0		#####		Gefreiter	German Army		1./Fues.R.33		German	"	United Kin	CANNOCK 3. J. 18.							
3	6003123	HOLZNER	JOHANN	J	0		#####		Soldat	German Army		5./3.Bayer.I.R.		German	"	United Kin	CANNOCK 4. D. 11.							
4	6003442	KAMPMEY	WILHELM	W	0		#####		Musketier	German Army		9./I.R.13		German	"	United Kin	CANNOCK 3. G. 19.							
5	6003606	KIRCHNER	GEORG LE	G L	0		#####		Vizefeldwe	German Army		12./I.R.142		German	"	United Kin	CANNOCK 3. E. 19.							
6	6004893	MEYER	JOSEF	J	0		#####		Wehrmanr	German Army		1./R.I.R.98		German	"	United Kin	CANNOCK 3. G. 2.							
7	6002641	HANSEN	PETER	P	0		#####		Reservist	German Army		2./R.I.R.98		German	"	United Kin	CANNOCK 3. A. 4.							
8	6003942	KRAFT	GEORG	G	0		#####		Unteroffiz	German Army		M.G.K./21.Bayer.I.R.		German	"	United Kin	CANNOCK 3. L. 2.							
9	6002751	HEGER	ALFRED	A	0		#####		Gefreiter	German Army		6./G.R.R.2		German	"	United Kin	CANNOCK 3. C. 4.							
0	6003978	KRAUS	JOHANN G	J G	0		#####		Gefreiter	German Army		7./5.Bayer.I.R.		German	"	United Kin	CANNOCK 3. G. 16.							
1	396052	BISHOP		W	0		#####		Private	Royal Defence Corps		166th Protection Coy		United Kin	'5513'	United Kin	CANNOCK 4. G. 12.							
2	396055	BRENNAN	JOHN	J	0		#####		Rifleman	New Zealand Rifle Bri		3rd		New Zeala	'81965'	United Kin	CANNOCK 4. A. 7.							
3	396058	BROOK		J T	0		#####		Private	Duke of Wellington's		6th Bn.		United Kin	'203094'	United Kin	CANNOCK 4. G. 6.							
4	396061	CONNELL	JOHN	J	0		#####		Rifleman	New Zealand Rifle Bri		3rd Bn. 3rd		New Zeala	'40299'	United Kin	CANNOCK 4. G. 11.							
5	396063	CUNNING	PETER	P	20		#####		Rifleman	New Zealand Rifle Bri		3rd		New Zeala	'80341'	United Kin	CANNOCK 4. H. 3.							
6	396129	TEECE		F J W	18		#####		Private	Royal Fusiliers		53rd Bn.		United Kin	'TR/13940	United Kin	CANNOCK 4. H. 16.							
7	396130	TREMBATH	JAMES	J	0		#####		Rifleman	New Zealand Rifle Bri		3rd		New Zeala	'80301'	United Kin	CANNOCK 1. B. 10.	Husband of Louie Trembath.						
8	6002912	HERLER	LORENZ	L	0		#####		Soldat	German Army		9./I.R.16		German	"	United Kin	CANNOCK 4. D. 14.							
9	396044	ANDERSON	WILLIAM	W	20		#####		Rifleman	New Zealand Rifle Bri		3rd		New Zeala	'80719'	United Kin	CANNOCK 1. A. 6.	Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Anderson, of 2, Yale Rd., Wellington						
0	396038	AGNEW	STEWART	S	22		#####		Rifleman	New Zealand Rifle Bri		3rd		New Zeala	'80589'	United Kin	CANNOCK I. A. 12.	Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Agnew, of Drumnacannon, C						
1	396039	AIKEN	JOHN	J	27		#####		Rifleman	New Zealand Rifle Bri		3rd		New Zeala	'72391'	United Kin	CANNOCK 4. A. 6.	Son of Thomas and Louisa Aiken, of Dunedin; husband of						
2	396040	ALCOCK	CHARLES V	C W	44		#####		Serjeant	Middlesex Regiment		6th Bn.		United Kin	'G/61804'	United Kin	CANNOCK 4. G. 14.	Husband of A. V. Alcock, of Allen Farm, Earl Grey, Saskatc						
3	396041	ALLAN	JACK CLIVE	J C	31		#####		Serjeant	New Zealand Rifle Bri		3rd		New Zeala	'59838'	United Kin	CANNOCK A. G. 18.	Son of Robert and Martha Allan, of Christchurch; husband						
4	396042	ALLAN	WILLIAM	W	21		#####		Rifleman	New Zealand Rifle Bri		3rd		New Zeala	'69744'	United Kin	CANNOCK 1. A. 3.	Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Allan of Mill Rd., Ohaupo, Hamiltc						
5	396043	ALLERBY	LESLIE HAF	L H	24		#####		Rifleman	New Zealand Rifle Bri		3rd		New Zeala	'52920'	United Kin	CANNOCK 4. G. 2.	Son of George Henry and Maude Matilda Allerby, of Colyt						
6	396053	BLAKE	CECIL	C	31		#####		Lieutenant	Royal Army Medical Corps				United Kin	"	United Kin	CANNOCK 4. G. 17.	Son of John Blake and his wife Susan Van Rennan; husban						

Scattered Graves

- Individual graves account for the great majority of war burials in the UK and are to be found in every conceivable type of burial ground - including many local churchyards.
- The majority are marked with standard Commission headstones.

Eyes On Hands On: Duties

- The role undertaken by EOHO volunteers encompasses two broad activity streams:
- **Eyes On:**
 - going out into local cemeteries and report back on the condition of War Graves there, via an online form.
- **Hands On:**
 - carrying out certain maintenance tasks, such as trimming vegetation or cleaning the headstones.

	 Commonwealth headstones	 Foreign headstones	 Private Memorials
Report	✓	✓	✓
Clear	✓	✓	✓
Clean	✓	✓	X

- Identify the grave
- Clear and clean as required
- Take a photograph
- Complete a report online and attach photograph

Health and Safety training!

Safety and health assessment						
Part 2. Think	Walk to get close to the CWGC headstone using the cemetery/churchyard path – check for hazards					
	Before moving off the path to clean the headstone check for hazards – if the hazard is present tick the box					
	Leaning memorials	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stinging insects	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rubbish	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Poisonous plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slippery banks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Obstacles you could trip over	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holes that you could trip in	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trees with leaning branches	<input type="checkbox"/>	Areas where you could slip	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Blind spots where someone could creep up on you	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mammals or reptiles that could bite	<input type="checkbox"/>	High winds	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Syringes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manual handling	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If the items above make it unsafe to work then please do not do the work and inform your ERC					
	If you do not feel safe stop work at this stage and inform your ERC					

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Dear Carole Davies

Eyes On Hands On Project - Approved volunteer status. Valid for 2021/2022

The Eyes On, Hands On project is a key part of the CWGC operations strategy, ensuring the appropriate maintenance and care of our scattered headstones across the UK.

I can confirm that Carole Davies is a registered volunteer with the CWGC and has been trained to be able to undertake basic cleaning and vegetation clearing of our headstones and other monuments in our care.

If you have any concerns relating to this activity or the legitimacy of this volunteer, please contact eyesonhandson@cwgc.org.

Kind Regards

Kathy Jones
EOHO Project Manager

Standard CWGC Headstone



Cardigan Cemetery

- Uniform size and shape .It is a founding principle of the War Graves Commission that there be no difference in size or shape.
- Usually made from Portland stone.
- Inscribed on each headstone are the details of the individual.
 - A **regimental, unit or national crest or badge** is usually at the top of the headstone, followed by **a service number** (except officers), **rank, name, awards (if any), the regiment/unit, date of death, age (if known), religious emblem and a personal inscription** provided by the family. (Not all of these details will be present in all cases and the layout will vary from person to person based upon the information available.)

Scattered Graves: Private memorials

- Over 30,000 graves, are marked by private memorials chosen by relatives at the time.



Cilgerran (St Llawddog) Churchyard



Newport (St Mary's) Churchyard



Newport (St Mary's) Churchyard



Llangranog (St Caranog) Churchyard

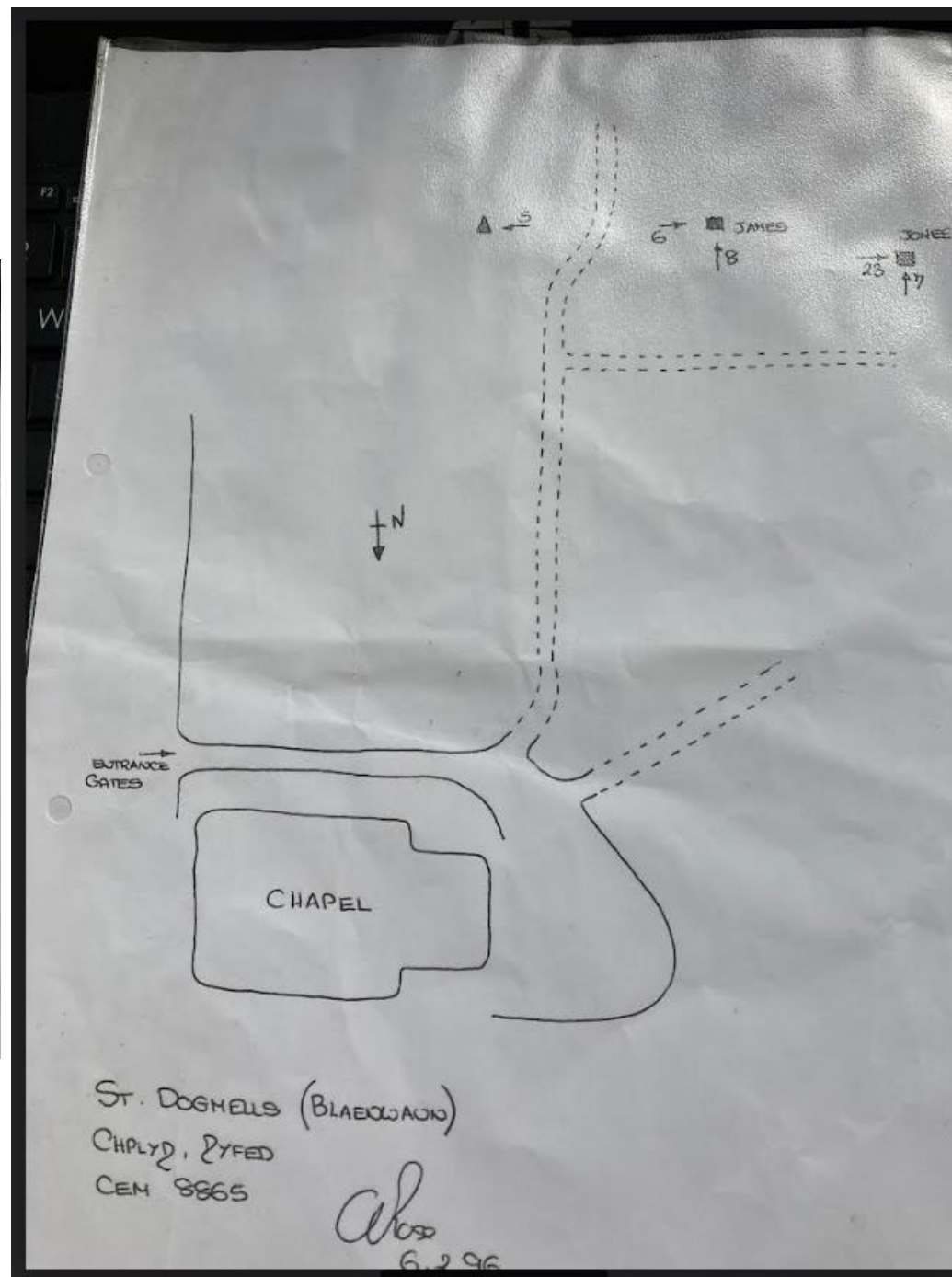
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Works Features:

Overall Risk Assessment: Low

Category: 2

Order	No	Casualty Name	Location	Marker	Material	Nationality	War	Add. Bur.	Main-tained	Remarks
10	JAMES G I	W.6	CH/PM	Portland		WW2	5	NO		3' x 2' black polished granite headstone. Triple kerbs/post. Chipping C/F. (CH) to left of (PM). Also black granite 9"x16" semi-recumbent plaque at foot of (PM).
20	DUNSTONE W	26.23	PM			WW1	1	NO		4' 6" white marble headstone. L/T. Casualty 2nd inscription. 10L JAMES (CH). Note. (PM) leaning forwards at acute angle.
30	JONES D H	V.23	CH	Portland		WW2	0	CM		T/M.



on hwy 20 @ junction 501

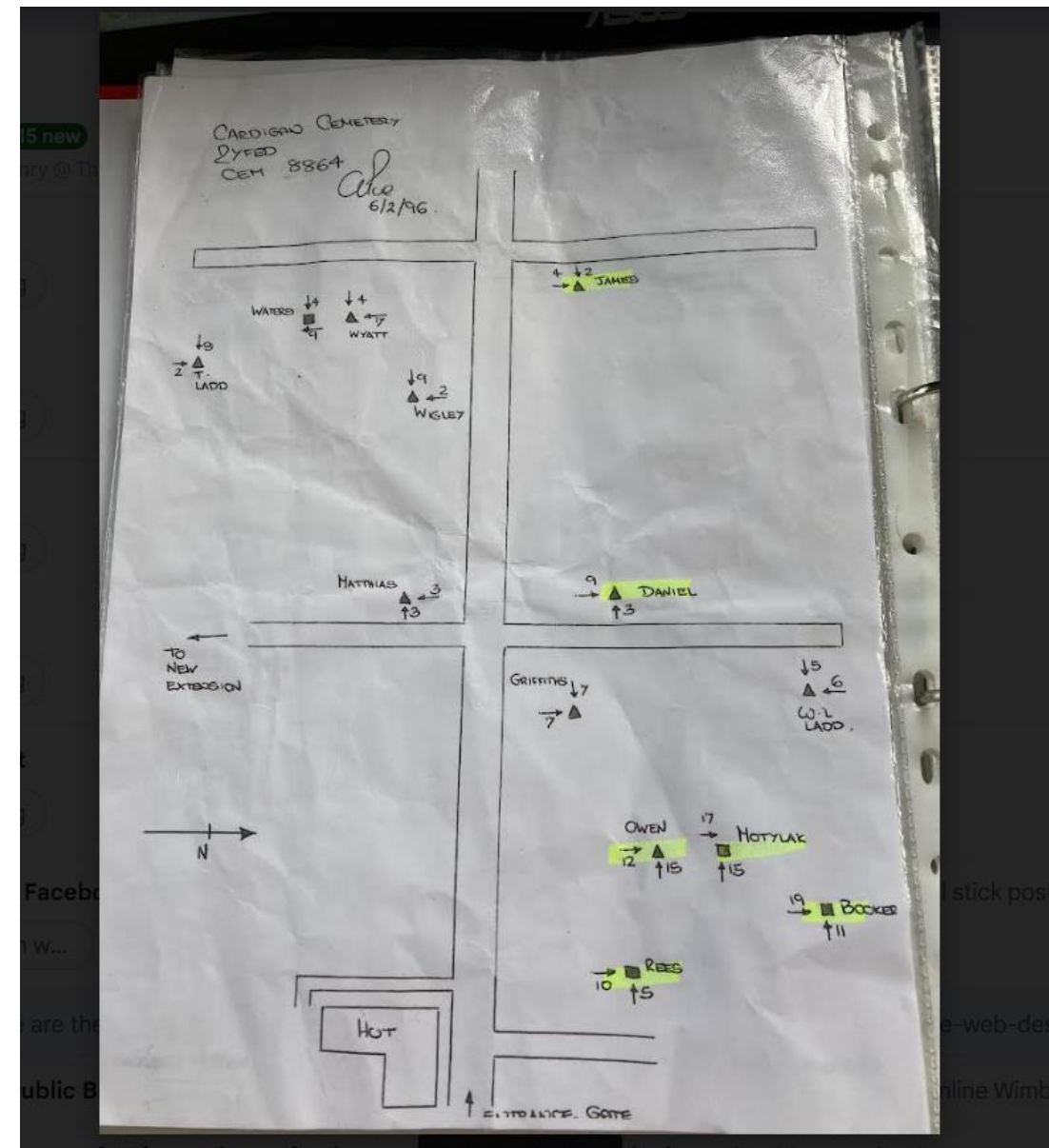
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 County: CEREDIGION
 Last Inspection Date: 14/10/2019
 Overall Risk Assessment: Low

Cemetery Name: CARDIGAN CEMETERY
 OS Map Ref: 15/175462
 Works Features:
 Category:

Order	No Casualty Name	Location	Marker	Material	Nationality	War	Add. Bur.	Maintained	Remarks
PRIOR TO CARRYING OUT ANY DUTIES, CONTACT PATRICK TOMLINS 01970 633484									
✓	10 MATHIAS A S	S.N.C.B3	PM			WW1	3	FOC	4' red granite headstone. Granite kerbs. Chipping C/F. Casualty 3rd inscription. Through main entrance gates. In 2nd section on left side of main path. 3 rows down & 3 graves in left of path.
✓	20 WATERS T	S.N.C.FF9	CHPM	Slate		WW1	1	FOC	3 x 3' granite headstone. Kerbs/posts. Chipping C/F. In 2nd section down on left side of main entrance pathway. 4 rows up from rear of section & 9 graves L of path. CH recumbent. Note: (PM) leaning to right.
✓	30 WIGLEY L	S.N.C.DD3	PM			WW1	2	FOC	3' white marble headstone. LT. Casualty 1st inscription. 7R & 5F WATERS (CH). or 4B & 1R MATHIAS (PM).
✓	40 LADD T	S.N.C.DD20	PM			WW1	3	FOC	2' 6" white marble headstone. Grandolithic slab cover. Casualty 3rd inscription. 11L & 4F WATERS (CH).
✓	50 WYATT A G	S.N.C.FF7	PM			WW1	3	FOC	2' 6" grey granite recumbent headstone. Kerbs. Concrete slab C/F. Casualty 1st inscription. 2R WATERS (CH).
✓	60 JAMES D H J	UNCON.G.G. 4	PM			WW2	1	FOC	Artificial stone inscribed kerbs. Chipping C/F. Casualty on footkerb. 1B & 12R over path WATERS (CH).
	70 GRIFFITHS B	N.N.C.EE7	PM			WW1	2	FOC	5' Yorkstone headstone. Kerbs. Grass C/F. Casualty 3rd inscription. 3F & 3R JAMES (PM).
	80 LADD W L	N.N.C.F.15	PM			WW1	4	FOC	5' 6" slate headstone. Slate kerbs. Chipping C/F. Casualty 3rd inscription. 1B & 8R GRIFFITHS (PM).
✓	90 MOTYLAK J	CON.D.17	FH	Portland	Polish	WW2	0	FOC	L.T.
✓	100 DANIEL N N	N.N.C.B.12	PM			WW1	2	FOC	5' white marble square tiered column. Kerbs. Concrete C/F. Casualty on right tier. 5L & 9B over path MOTYLAK (FH).

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Access to Cardigan Cemetery

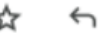
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CWGC x



Ceredigion Technical Services <technical.services@ceredigion.gov.uk>
to me ▼

Tue, Oct 11, 2022, 11:22AM



Dear Ms Davies

Firstly, may I apologise for not responding to your original enquiry sooner, the reason being that you asked for Patrick Tomlins and he has not been involved with the Council's cemeteries for about 15 years and your enquiry took some time to find its way to me.

Before permission can be granted, there are several questions that need to be answered so I can fully understand the work you intend to undertake in Cardigan Cemetery.

1. Is the request just to work on behalf of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) or is it for working on other graves as well?
2. Do you have a list of graves supplied by the CWGC that they wish you to attend too, as I have no such list?
3. I have had no communication from the CWGC requesting permission for third party access to the Cemetery which is the normal protocol
4. Does this work include the use of any machinery?
5. Does this work include the use of any chemicals?
6. Even as a volunteer you will be subjected to the same conditions as any other contractor which will require submitting copies of your risk assessments and public liability insurance

Yours sincerely

Inspection Format

Cemetery ID: 08858

County: CEREDIGION

Last Inspection Date: 17/10/2019

Overall Risk Assessment: Low

Cemetery Name: ABERPORTH (ST.CYNWYL) CHURCHYARD

OS Map Ref: 145/257511

Works Features:

Category: 1

Order	No Casualty Name	Location	Marker	Material	Nationality	War	Add. Bur.	Main-tained	Remarks
10	WILSON A	East of Church	CH	Portland	WW2	0	CM	L.T.	
20	THOMAS E J	East of Church	CH/PM	Portland	WW2	0	CM		Double plain kerbs. Concrete C/F. (CH) at head of grave.
30	EVANS S J	East of Church	CH/PM	Portland	WW2	2	CM		3' black granite headstone. Kerbs. Shale centre fill. (CH) to right of (PM) at head of grave.

ⓧ PM for John Thomas (WW1) next to this memorial.
CWGC informed.

→ buried abroad. we don't
clean this g/stone.



In loving memory of James Thomas of ... and Mary Thomas....

Also their son Private John Thomas killed in action
21st April 1917 aged 27.
Peace after pain.

Aberporth (St Cynwyl) Churchyard

Hidden tragedies (1)



Homeguard Casualty:
'accidentally killed.'

Hidden tragedies (2)



Lt D.C. Griffiths M.C
Died of wounds
Dec 16th 1918
Aged 29

Hidden tragedies (3)



Cilgerran Churchyard

In loving memory of
James Samuel Evans
Who paid the supreme sacrifice in
France
Sept 25 1915
Aged 35 Years

David Albert (Evans)
Who died at Kimmel Park Military
Hospital
Feb 14th 1917
Aged 29 years
Thy will be done

Hidden tragedies (4)



Cardigan Cemetery

In loving memory of Norman Nicholas Daniel
Who was accidentally shot by a sentry whilst asleep in
his tent at Fort Scoveston*, Pembrokeshire
On October 18th 1914
Aged 21 years
He volunteered to serve his king and country in the
great European war as a Private in the Cardigan
Territorial Company.

*used mainly as a training camp for volunteers and militia. World War I saw increased activity in the fort. In order to protect the dockyards of [Milford Haven](#), [Neyland](#) and [Pembroke Dock](#), a complex system of trenches was built in the land surrounding the fort to ward against land based attack.

- Hidden tragedies (5)



S.J. Evans
16th November 1946
Aged 24
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning we will
remember them

J.Rees
17th November 1918
Aged 26

E. J. Thomas
5th June 1947
Lovingly remembered by his
mother and sisters

Aberporth Churchyard

Cardigan cemetery



Tom Ladd



J. Motylak



Llangrannog (St David) Churchyard

In Memory of KARL D. ANDERSON aged 28 years

Of Christiana, Norway who lost his life after the SS Nor of Bergen was torpedoed by a German submarine on 15th December 1917 and landed at Llangranog with the survivors in the ship's boat .

Erected by the inhabitants of Llangranog.

436 Norwegian ships were sunk by German submarines in the period 1914–1917.

More than 1,500 Norwegian sailors died during this period, creating an increasingly anti-German sentiment throughout the nation of Norway.



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Illustration: He is not missing, he is here, 1927 by Tom Cole, part of the Menin Gate Moments exhibition.

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OF THE COMMONWEALTH FORCES WHO DIED IN
THE FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WARS, ENSURING



Regiment & Unit/Ship

Welsh Regiment
7th Bn.

Date of Death

Died 27 March 1917
Age 22 years old

Buried or commemorated at

NEWPORT (ST. MARY) CHURCHYARD, PEMBROKESHIRE
13. 21.
United Kingdom

Country of Service United Kingdom

Additional Info Son of Elizabeth E. Daniel, of The Mount, Newport, and the late Thomas Daniel.

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of this casualty's point of commemoration



Date of Death

Died 07 February 1919
Age 22 years old

Buried or commemorated at

NEWPORT (ST. MARY) CHURCHYARD, PEMBROKESHIRE
16. 11.
United Kingdom

Country of Service

United Kingdom

Additional Info

Son of David and Amelia Edwards, of Rhos-Y-nanty, Newport. Born at Aberdare, Glam.

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of this casualty's point of commemoration

Postcode search on CWGC website

Seaman Thomas Evans

Service Number: 3646A

Regiment & Unit/Ship

Royal Naval Reserve
H.M.S. "Majestic."

Date of Death

Died 27 May 1915
Age 24 years old

Buried or commemorated at

PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL

8.
United Kingdom

Country of Service

United Kingdom

Additional Info

Husband of Elizabeth Evans, of 7, David Street, St. Dogmaels, Pembrokeshire.



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of this casualty's point of commemoration



How I became interested

BLAENWAUN CHAPEL YARD

625737 FLIGHT SERGEANT
D.H.JONES
WIRELESS OP./ AIR GUNNER
ROYAL AIR FORCE
23 AUGUST 1941

Research

FLIGHT SERGEANT
DAVID HEDLEY JONES

Service Number: 625737

Regiment & Unit/Ship

Royal Air Force
502 Sqdn.

Date of Death

Died 23 August 1941

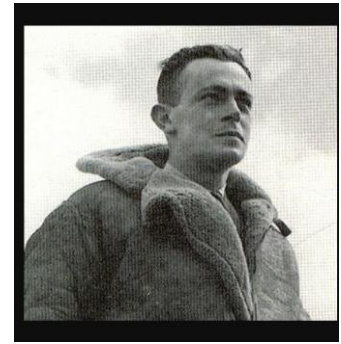
Buried or commemorated at

ST. DOGMELLS (BLAENWAUN) CHAPELYARD
Sec. V. Grave 23.
United Kingdom



An Irish Airman foresees his Death (W.B.Yeats)

*I know that I shall meet my fate
Somewhere among the clouds above*



On 28 November 1938, with war looking ever more likely, No.502 Squadron became part of Coastal Command, and was re-equipped with the Avro Anson. When war broke out, the squadron was used to fly patrol in the Atlantic off Ireland, guarding the crucial western approaches to Britain

On 19th August 1941 G.A.S. reported to the War Cabinet that the loss of **107 bombers since the month opened.**

Mametz Wood* by Owen Sheers

For years afterwards the farmers found them -
the wasted young, turning up under their plough blades
as they tended the land back into itself.

A chit of bone, the china plate of a shoulder blade,
the relic of a finger, the blown
and broken bird's egg of a skull,



The Battle for Mametz Wood

This was the first major offensive of World War One for many Welsh soldiers in WW1.

Mametz Wood was the objective of the 38th (Welsh) Division during the First Battle of the Somme.

The attack was made in a northerly direction over a ridge, focusing on the German positions in the wood, between 7 July and 12 July 1916.

On 7 July the men formed the first wave intending to take the wood in a matter of hours.

However, strong fortification, machineguns and shelling from the better trained and equipped German soldiers killed and injured over 400 soldiers before they reached the wood.

By 12 July the wood was effectively cleared of the enemy.

The Welsh Division had lost about 4,000 men killed or wounded in the engagement

Reports from survivors

- “That enchanted wood was a fair hell, what with the rifle firing, bombs, mortars, high explosives.
- “Together with the groans of the wounded and dying, and the Huns shouting for mercy and firing at every opportunity, and the Welsh cursing, blinding and strafing them.”
- “The wounded and dead around us – friends falling never to rise again, us without time to neither help nor cherish.”





Christopher Williams (1873-1934), The Welsh Division at Mametz Wood, 1916

-the bodies of the Welsh soldiers that were killed fighting for the woods were so numerous, and the amount of remaining men to bury them so few, that it meant a large number were lying on the ground the entire time it was there...No longer can anyone claim that war is romantic who has been testament to the sight of rotting bodies that have been neglected without care and understanding **that what remains is a person that was once loved'**