The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) is responsible for the commemoration of 13 casualties of the First World War and 10 casualties of the Second World War across nine sites located in Barbados. These sites are mainly civil cemeteries and churchyards, although there is a military cemetery located at Bridgetown known as Gravesend Military Cemetery which contains nine Commonwealth burials of the Second World War; the highest concentration of Commonwealth War Dead in Barbados.

Gravesend Military Cemetery, Bridgetown

The Military Cemetery is situated at Needhams Point on the south side of Carlisle Bay in the capital of the island, Bridgetown.

It is reached by crossing the Constitution River onto Bay Street and following this road around Carlisle Bay, past the Roman Catholic Cathedral. The cemetery is off to the right, near the lighthouse, on Needhams Point.

GRAVESEND MILITARY CEMETERY, BRIDGETOWN, Barbados

Commonwealth War Dead (1939-1945)


SMITH, Leading Seaman, HARVEY WILLIAM, 2187. Trinidad Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. 30 September 1944.

Barbados casualties

220 individuals from, or with family connections to, Barbados are recorded in our records. These individuals are commemorated at various sites worldwide, with the highest concentration commemorated on the following memorials:

- TOWER HILL MEMORIAL, London, United Kingdom – 77 casualties (54 of the First World War and 23 of the Second World War)
- HALIFAX MEMORIAL, Nova Scotia, Canada – 25 casualties of the Second World War
- YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium – 5 casualties of the First World War

In addition to the above memorial sites, Ramleh War Cemetery in Israel and Taranto Town Cemetery Extension in Italy, both contain the highest concentration of war graves of casualties from, or with family connections to, Barbados. There are five Barbadian casualties of the First World War buried in each of the two cemeteries:

RAMLEH WAR CEMETERY, Israel and Palestine (including Gaza)

Commonwealth War Dead (1914-1918)


TARANTO TOWN CEMETERY EXTENSION, Italy

Commonwealth War Dead (1914-1918)


