



**Commonwealth War  
Graves Commission  
Country Report:  
Kenya**



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The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) is responsible for maintaining commemorations to 8282 individuals at 37 locations in Kenya, with the highest number of named casualties being commemorated on the **East Africa Memorial**, in **Nairobi War Cemetery**, and on the **Nairobi British and Indian Memorial**.

Additionally, some 50,000 individuals, for the most part non-combatant porters, stevedores and followers of the Military Labour Corps in the East African campaign of the First World War, are commemorated on the **Mombasa African Memorial** and the **Nairobi African Memorial**. However, no names appear on these memorials as no complete record of the individuals' names exists.

**Nairobi War Cemetery, the East Africa Memorial, and the Nairobi Memorial**



**NAIROBI WAR CEMETERY** now contains over 2,000 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War, 11 of which are unidentified. There are also 80 non-war burials and one French grave. It was designed by G. Vey.

Within the cemetery is the **EAST AFRICA MEMORIAL**, which commemorates men of the land forces who lost their lives in the advance from the south into Italian Somaliland and Ethiopia and during the occupation of those territories, and who have no known grave. Along with them are honoured those who died during the operations in Madagascar in 1942 and who have no known grave. Besides those who died in these campaigns, many men who were lost in the sinking of the troopship 'Khedive Ismail' en route to Ceylon on 12 February 1944 are commemorated here; they include a great part of the

301st Field Regiment, East African Artillery.

The cemetery also contains the **NAIROBI MEMORIAL** which commemorates 477 men of the United Kingdom, South African, and East African Forces who died in the non-operational zones of Kenya whilst in training, or on lines of communication or garrison duty, and whose graves could not be located or are so situated as to be unmaintainable.

### **Kenyan casualties**

There are at least 128 individuals from, or with family connections to, Kenya recorded in our records, and commemorated in 22 different countries, including Austria, Belgium, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Italy, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Myanmar, Nigeria, Serbia, South Africa, Tanzania, and the United Kingdom.

In addition, there are 2642 individuals in our records who died while serving with the King's African Rifles across both world wars, and 1055 individuals who died while serving with the East African Military Labour Corps during the Second World War. Both of these military units were raised in East Africa, and many of those who served in them would have come from Kenya. There are also 85 casualties who died while serving with regiments directly associated with Kenya, such as the Kenya Regiment and the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.