The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) is responsible for maintaining commemorations for 1001 individuals at one location in Lesotho (formerly Basutoland); the Lesotho Memorial

**Lesotho Memorial**

The War Memorial, commemorating servicemen from both World Wars, was erected in Makoayane Square in the centre of Maseru in 1963 by the Government of Lesotho. The Memorial takes the form of a curved screen wall, with Bronze panels on which are recorded the names of soldiers of Lesotho, surmounted by a cast bronze crocodile, the national emblem. An officer of the United Kingdom forces buried in Maseru Cemetery is also commemorated on this Memorial. The Memorial bears the inscription, in Lesotho:

1914-1918 1939-1945
THE SOLDIERS HONOURED HERE DIED WHILE SERVING WITH THE AFRICAN PIONEER CORPS AT HOME, AT SEA AND IN FOREIGN LANDS.

Almost 400 other Lesotho servicemen who died during the 1939-1945 war are named on this memorial. They are commemorated by the Commission on or near their graves or named on the appropriate Memorial to their theatre of war.

A further panel has been added to commemorate 40 Lesotho servicemen of the 1914-1918 war whose grave are unknown or unmaintainable.

**Lesotho casualties**

There are 16 individuals from, or with family connections to, Lesotho recorded in our records, commemorated at two sites in South Africa. They served in the African Pioneer Corps (H.C.T.) and Native Military Corps, S.A. Forces.

**CULLINAN MILITARY CEMETERY, Gauteng, South Africa**

Commonwealth War Dead (1939-1945)


LADYSMITH CEMETERY, Kwazulu Natal, South Africa
Commonwealth War Dead (1939-1945)


