



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



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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)

BAILEY, Corporal, SHIRLEY DA COSTA, L/SCA/6054. Barbados Volunteer Force. 20 April 1943.

BLACKMAN, Gunner, W L, L/SCA/3358. Trinidad Volunteers. 16 November 1942. Grave Reference: Sp. Mem.

BUTCHER, Private, R E, L/SCA/10479. Barbados Volunteer Force. 31 May 1944. Age 19. Son of Dudley and Lavinia Waithe, of St. Michael, Barbados.

FORDE, Private, C L, L/SCA/6073. Barbados Volunteer Force. 6 October 1944. Grave Reference: Grave 17.

GROSVENOR, Private, B L, L/SCA/6787. Barbados Volunteer Force. 20 November 1944.

HOCKING, Stoker, JAMES ROY, LT/KX 155231. H.M.M.L. 1173., Royal Naval Patrol Service. 14 November 1944. Age 20. Son of William and Jessie Hocking, of Hull.

MULLINS, Engine Room Artificer 4th Class, FRANK WILLIAM KEMSHALL, D/MX 75350. H.M.S. Benbow., Royal Navy. 15 August 1943. Age 22. Son of Frank Raynor and Florence Ivy Mullins, of Balby, Doncaster, S. Yorks.

NICHOLS, Wireman, DOUGLAS OWEN, C/MX 77252. H.M.S. Benbow, Royal Navy. 14 November 1944.

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)

BRATHWAITE, Private, MARTIN, 1325. 1st Bn., British West Indies Regiment. Died of pneumonia, 20 October 1918. Son of Evelina Brathwaite, of Penny Hill, St. Philip, Barbados, British West Indies. Grave Reference: Z. 11.

BYNOE, Private, CHRISTOPHER, 5426. 1st Bn., British West Indies Regiment. Died of malaria, 13 October 1918. Age 24. Son of Elvira Drakes, of Walls Tenantry, Christ Church, Barbados, British West Indies. Grave Reference: Z. 55.

CARTER, Private, CLARENCE, 1340. 1st Bn., British West Indies Regiment. 22 November 1917. Age 22. Shoe-maker. Son of William and Sophia Carter, of Draxhall Hope, St. George's, Barbados, British West Indies. Grave Reference: H. 43.

EDMUNDS, Private, JOSEPH CEPHAS MCDONALD, 9050. 1st Bn., British West Indies Regiment. 16 December 1918. Age 30. Son of Lydia Ann Edmunds, of "Hill View," St. Philip, Barbados, British West Indies. Grave Reference: A. 43.

JORDAN, Serjeant, O L, 1046. D C M. 2nd Bn., British West Indies Regiment. 15 December 1918. Son of John H. and Rebecca Jordan; husband of Henrietta Jordan, of Eckstien Valley, St. Michael, Barbados, British West Indies. Grave Reference: A. 40.

TARANTO TOWN CEMETERY EXTENSION, Italy

Commonwealth War Dead (1914-1918)

BEST, Private, EDGAR HILKIAH, 13573. 10th Bn., British West Indies Regiment. 5 September 1918. Age 23. Son of Albert Henry Best and Letitia Ann Eliza Best, of Union, St. Joseph, Barbados. Grave Reference: VI. E. 1.

CRICHLAW, Private, F, 10987. 8th Bn., British West Indies Regiment. Died of pneumonia, 1 February 1919. Age 20. Son of Edward and Augusta Crichlow, of Harts Gap Hastings, Christ Church, Barbados. Grave Reference: VI. B. 5.

GODDARD, Private, A, 14108. 10th Bn., British West Indies Regiment. 12 February 1919. Age 25. Son of John William and Julia Goddard, of the Risk, Boscobel, Barbados, B.W.I. Grave Reference: VI. G. 5.

PATRICK, Private, JOSEPH FITZ-HERBERT, 15146. 11th Bn., British West Indies Regiment. Died of heart disease, 11 January 1919. Age 25. Son of John Francis Patrick and Elizabeth Patrick, of Allen's View, St. Thomas, Barbados, B.W.I. Grave Reference: VI. K. 3.

PRICE, Private, J, 15769. 11th Bn., British West Indies Regiment. 19 March 1918. Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Price, of Jackson, St. Michael, Barbados. Grave Reference: II. G. 3.