

## 1. Why are there war graves and memorials in Singapore?

Singapore became a colony of the British Empire in 1819. The First World War did not really affect Singapore, but there are a small number of war graves from the First World War, mainly those who died during the 1915 mutiny. By the Second World War, Singapore was an important base for the Royal Navy. In February 1942, Singapore was captured by the Japanese Army. About 130,000 Australian, British and Indian soldiers became prisoners of war. After the war, the small cemetery at Kranji was chosen as the main site for the burial of the war dead and for the memorials to the missing. Many smaller cemeteries were closed and moved to Kranji, including the cemetery which had been at Changi – the site of the main prisoner of war camp.

## 2. Where are the war graves and memorials in Singapore?

Most of the CWGCs commemorations in Singapore are at Kranji War Cemetery. The cemetery is 22 kilometres north of the city of Singapore, on the north side of Singapore Island overlooking the Straits of Johore.

## 3. Discover where these people came from

Use the flags to discover where some of those who are buried and remembered in Singapore came from.

### Singapore Cremation Memorial

789 names

From: *India, Pakistan, Nepal, United Kingdom*



### Singapore Civil Hospital Grave Memorial

108 names

From: *Australia, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Singapore, United Kingdom*



### Chua Chu Kang Jewish Cemetery

1 war grave

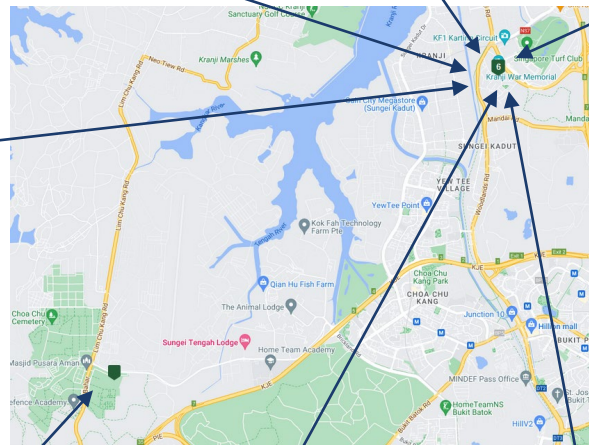
From: *United Kingdom*



### Singapore Memorial

24,300 names

From: *Argentina, Australia, Bermuda, Canada, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaya, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom, USA, Zimbabwe*



### Kranji War Cemetery

4,574 war graves

From: *Australia, Canada, China, Germany, India, Ireland, Malaya, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom*



### Singapore (Unmaintainable Graves) Memorial

255 names

From: *China, India, Malaya, Pakistan, Singapore, United Kingdom*



### Kranji Military Cemetery

1,420 graves

From: *United Kingdom*



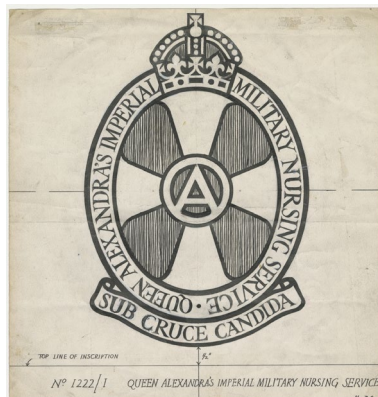
## 4. Discover more about the service of those buried at Kranji War Cemetery

**4.1** Each headstone in the cemetery tells a different story.

As you explore the cemetery see what you can learn from the headstones. See if you can find the following;

1. Who is the **youngest** soldier you can find?
2. Who is the **oldest** soldier you can find?
3. How many **different countries** did they come from, based on the information you can discover on the headstones?

**4.3** As you explore the cemetery, look at the different badges on the headstones. These will give you a clue as to the role the person had and maybe where they came from. As you find each badge, **write down the name of the person who served with that unit in the box** next to the badge.



**4.2** There is just one grave with this badge on here. Can you find it in **Plot 27**? Who was this person and what role did they have?



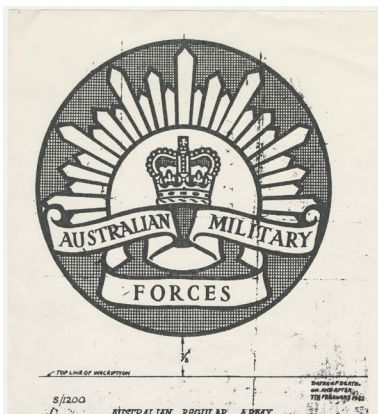
There are three Canadian airmen buried here. Two are buried in **Plot 12**. Both died just before the end of the war.



In **Plot 36** is the grave of a 68-year old Sapper of the Johore Volunteer Engineers. Who was he?



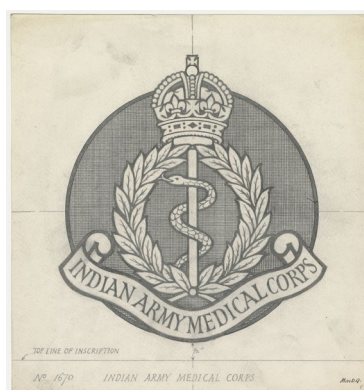
In **Plot 37** there is just one headstone with this badge on it from the Singapore Royal Artillery? Who was the soldier?



There are more than 1000 Australians buried here. Many of their graves have the badge of the Australian Military Forces.



In **Plot 37** are 10 soldiers from the Singapore Volunteer Rifles, who all died on 15 February 1915 during the Sepoy Mutiny.



Many of those who fought and died here were from the Indian Army. In **Plot 41** are soldiers who came from India and Pakistan.