

The War Graves Photographic Project

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Welcome to The War Graves Photographic Project

The aim of The War Graves Photographic Project is to photograph every war grave, individual memorial, MoD grave, and family memorial of serving military personnel from WWII to the present day and make these available within a searchable database.

Now working as a joint venture with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, this will enable families, scholars and researchers to obtain, via the CWGC or TWGPP websites, a copy of the photograph of a grave or memorial which for many is impossible to visit due to the location.

This service has only been made possible through the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers, from all walks of life, who feel the need to Remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and who realise the importance for families to see where their loved ones are laid to rest or commemorated. This emulates the CWGC ethos to 'Remember in Perpetuity'

This project aims to photograph in excess of 1.75 million graves or memorials from Commonwealth Nations and many from other military forces around the world.

Please use the search facility to check if a photograph is currently held and available but

Quick Search

Surname:

First Name:

Advanced Search

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Website Launched

The site has recently gone 'Live' in January 2008 and some areas still need populating.

The searchable database will have over a million names that we have photographed so far. If you need a request urgently and want to see if we hold it already please send details to Steve@thewargravesproject.org.uk

Names in Archive: 0

The War Graves Photographic Project is pleased to announce that its website is now live.

Please ensure that your 'Favourites' are updated to reflect the domain address of www.twgpp.org which replaces the temporary 'wargravesproject' address which will shortly be removed.

Image upload

'Web of Knowledge', the designers, have made it possible for us to upload images relatively simply so we are attempting to do this at the same time as uploading the data. This enables you to see the culmination of your work far quicker than has been experienced on other sites. With over 1 million names to upload this will obviously take some time as these have to be processed during evenings and weekends. To see examples of the casualty listings, complete with picture, please look at any of the cemeteries in Italy. There will still be instances where you will see a 'default' picture displayed until the actual image is uploaded. This is to ensure that the data is on site and indicates that the picture is held.

We will not be displaying the names or cemeteries of those **not held** as this only causes confusion with requests that cannot be fulfilled and inevitably leads to disappointment for the enquirer.

Volunteers

Unlike other websites we are not displaying names of anyone who has not been contacted, or responded to previous e mails with regard to remaining with the project. The volunteer page is being updated to reflect those of you that have contacted us and wish to be considered a participant of this joint venture with the CWGC. It will be live early on week commencing 4th Feb

To see further details of volunteers, when it is live, just select their name on site. If you would like to update your details, or perhaps add a picture and short bio, then please forward to Steve or Derek via the 'Contact us' page.

Links to the CWGC website

The CWGC have now updated their site to reflect the joint venture.



The screenshot shows the CWGC website header with the logo and the text 'Commonwealth War Graves Commission'. Below the header is a navigation menu on the left with the following items: Search our Records, Who We Are, What We Do, Histories, News and Events, Video News, Publications, Education, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled 'Photographic Requests' and contains the following text:

The Commission regularly receives requests for photographs. You may find the information below useful.

Cemetery/Memorial Photographs
Most of our cemeteries and memorials now link directly to a photograph. Look out for a Cemetery Photograph button at the bottom of each individual site. These photographs can be printed directly from the website.

Individual photographs of Individual Commemorations
The Commission receives many requests asking for the photographs of headstones and memorials.

Unfortunately, owing to the numbers of casualties involved, the Commission does not hold photographs of each of its commemorations.

Recently, however, the Commission has signed an agreement with **The War Graves Photographic Project**. This is a voluntary project which is currently working towards obtaining a photograph of each Commission headstone and memorial. Further information will be available here shortly.

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and continued support which has been considerable over the last couple of months. A continuous flow of photographs being sent in from around the world has kept us very busy along with preparing the site and the planning of photographic trips for 2008.

The project is now looking forward to working with existing and new volunteers as well as developing our relationship with CWGC.

Regards.

Steve Rogers
Project Co-ordinator

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