PERSONAL STORIES

Lieutenant Colonel George King

George King was a New Zealand officer killed during the Third Battle of Ypres in 1917. When he was laid to rest his Maori soldiers performed the waiata tangi in honour of their beloved officer. He died on 12 October 1917. Buried Plot 1. Row H. Grave 28.

Buried at Ypres Reservoir Cemetery
Lieutenant
Prince Maurice of Battenberg

Prince Maurice of Battenberg was the youngest grandson of Queen Victoria. He was killed during the First Battle of Ypres in 1914 serving with the King's Royal Rifle Corps. In 1917 the family name was changed to Mountbatten. He died on 27 October 1914. Buried Plot I. Row B.

Buried at Ypres Town Cemetery

Lance Corporal
Frederick Mawson

A carpenter from Victoria in Australia, Frederick served with the Australian Engineers. He was killed during the Third Battle of Ypres in 1917 while putting out barbed wire. His friend laid him to rest in Ramparts Cemetery. He died on 9 November 1917. Buried Row J. Grave 24.

Buried at Ramparts (Lille Gate) Cemetery
AROUND THE TOWN OF IEPER

The city of Ieper lay at the heart of one of the most notorious battlefields of the Western Front – the Ypres Salient. No other town has a stronger connection with the CWGC than Ieper in Flanders, Belgium.

Our cemeteries around Ieper are dominated by headstones engraved with Rudyard Kipling’s haunting phrase ‘Known Unto God.’ Several major battles were fought around Ieper, but even outside these periods life in the Salient was a gruelling, dangerous experience. For many soldiers, it came to define the war.
KEY SITES
A short walk from St. George’s Church, this cemetery was begun during the war in 1915. Several soldiers ‘shot at dawn’ for desertion were laid to rest here.

Some of the British Army’s first burials were made here in the old town cemetery. The extension was formed in October 1914 and increased after the Armistice, when 350 graves were brought in from small cemeteries around the area. There are also many graves here of CWGC staff, dating back to the early days of the Commission’s work.
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The Commonwealth War Graves Foundation (CWGF) is our charitable foundation highlighting the work the CWGC does by telling the stories of those we commemorate.

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Ieper Information Centre

Located only metres from the Menin Gate, drop in and our friendly team will help you find out more about our local sites or undertake research on our casualty database. You can also pick up a souvenir or join our CWGF Supporter scheme.

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