We honour and care for the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars, ensuring they will never be forgotten. Funded by six Member Governments, our work began with building, and now maintaining, cemeteries at 23,000 locations all over the world.

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Buried at Jerusalem War Cemetery

Private Jack Banks
Born in Darwen, Lancashire, Jack was serving with the Durham Light Infantry when he was killed in July 1944, aged 16 years old. He is thought to be one of the youngest British soldiers to die during the Normandy campaign.

Buried at Ranville War Cemetery

Private Emile Corteil
Serving with the Parachute Regiment, Emile was buried with his loyal Alsatian paratroop dog Glenn who died by his side. The personal inscription on the headstone reads:
‘Had you known our boy you would have loved him too. ‘Glen’ his paratroop dog was killed with him.’

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The Westlake Brothers
Hailing from Toronto, Ontario, brothers Private George Westlake, Rifleman Albert Westlake and Rifleman Thomas Westlake were killed within days of each other. George is buried in Plot 8, Row F, Grave 12, while Thomas and Albert are buried next to each other in Plot 3, Row D, Graves 7 and 8.

Buried at Beny-Sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery
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