

Roll of Honour

656 Air O.P. Squadron RAF / Army Air Corps



Kohima Epitaph
When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today

Extract from Air OP Roll of Honour India & Burma

Kirkee War Cemetery - India



222097 Capt Cheshire A.W. R.A. Aged 24
1587 Flight
Died 29th Nov 1944
Cause: Polio
Buried: Kirkee War Cemetery, India.
Plot 1, Row 'C', Grave 7.

Kirkee, also known as Khadki, is a Military Cantonment adjoining the large university town of Poona on the plateau above Bombay. It can be reached by train from Bombay to Poona or by long distance Taxi service from Dadar taxi stand, Bombay. There are direct flights from Bombay, Madras and Delhi, but these tend to be irregular. Taxis and motor rickshaws are available from Pune Railway station. To reach the cemetery one must ask for Mula Road along which the cemetery is located. One way is to cross Sangam bridge and follow the road which has the River Mula on its right.



Maynamati Cemetery - Bangladesh



1153979 Gnr Cherrington W.C. R.A. Aged 21
656 Air O.P. Squadron R.A.F.
Died 1st Dec 1944
Cause: Burns from accident whilst filling running charging engine.
Buried: Maynamati Cemetery, Bangladesh
Plot 1, Row 'B', Grave 12.

Maynamati is some 7 Kilometres from the centre of Comilla, which is on the railway line linking Dhaka to Chittagong. It can be reached by train from Comilla railway station, 9 kilometres from the cemetery, or by the Dhaka-Chittagong highway. The cemetery is 1 kilometre down the road leading from Comilla to Sylhet and a short distance past the Cantonment Military Hospital. There is a C.W.G.C. road sign on a roundabout at the crossroads.



Taukkyan War Cemetery - Burma



115434 L/Bdr Gibbons D.

R.A.

Aged 21



1085616 AC2 John H.E.

R.A.F.

Aged 23



1642931 AC2 McCauley R.J.

R.A.F.

Aged 24

All from 656 Squadron

Died 25th Jan 1945

Cause: Vehicle struck landmine on Ramree Island.

Buried: Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar.

Plot 10, Row 'A', Graves 1-3



Taukkyan War Cemetery is outside Yangon (formerly Rangoon), near the airport and immediately adjoining the village of Taukkyan. It is on the Prome Road, about 35 kilometres north of the city from which it is easily accessible.

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UN. Memorial Cemetery - Pusan



5/7003 Capt Luscombe. B. T. R.A.A. Aged 24
 1903 Flight
 Died: 5th Jun 1952
 Cause: Shot down by AA fire, severed rudder cable, aircraft stalled.
 Buried: Auster MkVI VF664
 Tanggok Cemetery, Pusan
 Portion 19 Plot and Row 8 Grave 1057



2307090 Gnr. Bond A. R.A. Aged 20
 1903 Flight
 Died: 9th Dec 1952
 Buried: UN. Memorial Cemetery, Pusan, Korea. Plot 39,
 Row 4, Grave 3351



4087544 LAC. Goodfield K. R.A.F. Aged 19
 1903 Flight
 Died: 12th May 1953
 Cause: Drowned in aircraft crash.
 Buried: UN. Memorial Cemetery, Pusan, Korea.
 Plot 39, Row 10, Grave 3429



134761 Maj Harris. Wilfred G. M.C. R.A. Aged 36
 OC 1903 Flight
 Died: 2nd Jun 1953
 Cause: Jeep struck by USAF Thunderjet that swung on landing
 Buried: UN. Memorial Cemetery, Pusan, Korea. Plot 39,
 Row 10, Grave 3430landing.



Malayan Emergency 1948 - 1960

Malaya, Brunei, Borneo & Malaysian Peninsula 1961 - 1968

Kranji Singapore



57370 SSgt Gay W.D. P.R. Aged 29
 1911 Flight 656 Squadron
 Died: 13th Mar 1952
 Cause: Spun in on approach, Kulai Besar. Auster Mk6 VF
 Buried: Kranji Military Cemetery, Singapore.
 Plot 2, Row D, Grave 5



23680614 Gnr Russell GM RA Aged 20
14 Flight 656 Squadron
Died: 15th Jun 1963,
Cause: Road Traffic Accident Brunei.
(Buried: Kranji Military Cemetery, Singapore. plot 11, row D, grave 8.)

Ashes of the late George Mervyn Russell were memorialised at Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park on 6th March 2009. His memorial plaque is located in the [Banksia Court](#), Garden lake 3B, position 0168. Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park, Australia



453506 Capt Jacot de Boinod. Daniel B de V Coldstream Guards Aged 26
656 Squadron
Died: 15th Jul 1964
Cause: Fuel Control Unit failure. Scout XR 596
Buried: Kranji Military Cemetery, Singapore.
Plot 11 Row 'D' Grave 17



14084626 WO2 Hutchings W.J. A.A.C. Aged 36
656 Squadron
Died: 15th Jul 1964
Cause: Fuel Control Unit failure. Scout XR 596
Involved in same accident.

Pasir Panjang Military Cemetery and 1975-76 remains cremated and placed in Kranji Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery (Military Annex) Singapore.

Information

The Pasir Panjang and Ulu Pandan Military Cemeteries were moved to the Kranji Cemetery with the withdrawal of British forces in 1971. Between 1975 - 1976, the graves were relocated. This became the Military Cemetery which stands along the western slope of Kranji Hill beside the War Cemetery.

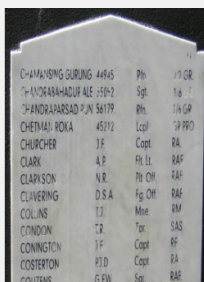


The Kranji Memorials, located off Woodlands Road, about 22 km from the Town Centre, is made up of three cemeteries, namely the Kranji War Memorial, the Military Cemetery and the Singapore State Cemetery. The Kranji War Memorial commemorates the contributions of 24,000 soldiers of the allied forces who died during World War 2. It is managed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The Military Cemetery and the Singapore State Cemetery is located nearby.

History

Before World War II, the location was an ammunition dump for the British Military. It was not far from here, by the mouth of the Kranji River, where the Japanese Imperial Guards landed on 9 February 1942. Kranji

Terendak Military Cemetery - Terendak - Malacca



190944 Capt Churcher J.F. R.A. Aged 28
 656 Squadron
 Died 27th Oct 1949
 Cause: Failed to return from sortie, Auster Mk V TJ 674
 Aircraft found July 1954 between K.L & Mentakab.
 Pax Brig. Erskine CBE DSO.
 Both Commemorated at Terendak Military Cemetery, Terendak, Malacca.
 Memorial Wall



437085 Capt Hills P.H. R.A. Aged 27
 2 Flight 656 Squadron
 Died: 22nd Nov 1961
 Cause: Failed to return. Aircraft found 1967
 Auster Mk9. XK374
 Pax: Capt. O'Grady RADC
 Buried: Terendak Military Cemetery, Malacca.



23396474 Sgt Waghorn D.J.P. R.A.M.C. Aged 27
 7 Flight 656 Squadron
 Died 20th Sept 1965
 Scout XR599 went missing at night in the Kuching area,
 presumed crashed into the sea.
 Pax: One Gurkha and a prisoner.
 Commemoration: Terendak Military Cemetery, Malacca. Memorial Wall.



Location: Terendak Military Cemetery is situated within the perimeter of Terendak Camp, Malacca. Terendak Camp, the newest and most modern camp in the federation of Malaysia, is located on the West coast some thirteen miles North of Malacca on the Malacca - Masjid road. The cemetery lies in a hollow, just below the hospital and just off the main road running through the centre of the camp. It is completely hidden from the road and access is by a narrow, metalled road leading directly to the gate. A large white cross stands to the left of the gate and inside, immediately facing entrance, is memorial wall commemorating service personnel who died in Malaysia but whose bodies were never recovered. The graves lie on a slope surrounded by trees. At the foot of the slope lies a garden of remembrance where the bodies of children still born are buried.

Taiping Christian Church (Kamunting Road) - Taiping



407797 Capt Dalley P.J.L. R.A. Aged 29
 7 Flight 656 Squadron
 Died: 14th Feb 1958
 Cause: Hit ground after control lost on approach to Kroh airstrip.
 Auster Mk9 XK 378
 Buried Taiping Christian Church (Kamunting Road) Taiping.



Location Information:

Taiping is a town in Perak State, about 97 kilometres south-east of Penang in the north- west of Malaysia. The cemetery, formerly known as Penang Road Civil Cemetery, is on the road from Ipoh to Penang (Jalan Kamunting) at milestone 54, about 4 kilometres south of Taiping town. The area is called Happy Park and faces Taman Taiping (Taiping Garden). Within the cemetery the single 1939-1945 Commonwealth war grave will be found to the left of the main entrance lane and just behind the plot of military graves dating from the mid-fifties.

Historical Information:

There is 1 Commonwealth burial of the 1939-1945 war commemorated in this site. C.W.G.C. now care for the 186 non World War burials including an unidentified child of a member of the Royal Australian Regiment in Plot H. Grave 32.

23995742 Cpl Galloway C.S. R.E.M.E Aged 22
 11 Flight 656 Squadron
 Died: 30th Jan 1968
 Cause: Force landed into the jungle near Grik, ten miles from Butterworth, North Malaya after engine failure which was caused by turbine blade failure. On impact the helicopter rolled over, trapping one of the three occupants, Cpl Christopher Galloway REME, who drowned. The pilot & other occupant escaped safely.
 Scout XT 625.
 Cremated and repatriated.

Operation 'Corporate' - Falkland Islands

April - June 1982



24075845 S/Sgt. Griffin. C.A. A.A.C. Aged 33
656 Squadron
Died: 6 June 1982
Cause: Shot down by Sea Dart missile 2m south of Mt Pleasant peak in Gazelle XX 377.
Buried: San Carlos East Falklands.



24398996 L/Cpl Cockton. S.J.G. A.A.C. Aged 22
656 Squadron
Involved in same accident
Pax: Maj Forge M.L. and S/Sgt Baker. J. R/Signals
Buried Frimley (St Peter) Churchyard, Surrey.
East of Church, section 20

