

MOD War Detectives (the Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre Commemorations team): our future services, current appeals and past cases

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Find out about future services and what current appeals are ongoing.

Upcoming Services:

We usually post details of our services here and to our Facebook page (MOD War Detectives) around 1 month before they are due to happen.

Tuesday 21 April

- 1pm – A burial service for an unknown soldier of an unknown regiment at Warlencourt British Cemetery, France.

Wednesday 22 April

- 10.45am – A burial service for Private Reginald Joseph Blake of 11th Battalion The Essex Regiment, who was killed in action on 21 April 1917. This service will take place at Loos British Cemetery Extension, France.
- 1.30pm – A burial service for an unknown soldier of an unknown regiment at Loos British Cemetery Extension, France.

Thursday 23 April

- 10.30am – A rededication service for Lieutenant George Kenneth Steinberg MC of The Machine Gun Corps, who was killed action 22 March 1918. This service will take place at Croisilles British Cemetery, France.

28 April 2026

- 10.30am – A rededication service for Lance Corporal William Voice MM of 8th Battalion The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment who was killed in action on 1 August 1917. This service will take place at CWGC Bedford House Cemetery, Belgium.
- 3pm – A rededication service for Lance Corporal Lionel 'Solly' Sandell of 10th Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment who was killed in action on 29 September 1918. This service will take place at CWGC Zantvoorde British Cemetery, Belgium.

29 April 2026

- 10.30am – A rededication service for Captain Gordon Cuthbert of 1/8th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, who was killed in action on 25 April 1915. This service will take place at CWGC Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium.
- 2.30pm – A rededication service for Lieutenant Leslie Harvey of 1/8th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, who was killed in action on 25 April 1915. This service will take place at CWGC Sanctuary Wood Cemetery, Belgium.

Appeals for family

There are no appeals outstanding at this time.

Our past cases

Details of some of the MOD War Detectives' past cases can be found below:

- Grave of soldier missing since 1940 identified in Belgium

*Grave of officer missing since 1940 identified in France

- Grave of Shrewsbury soldier identified in France
- Graves of two Midlands soldiers of World War One identified in France
- Gurkhas lay to rest unknown war hero
- One of the first 'unknown' British soldiers of World War 1 identified in Belgium
- Graves of three previously unknown World War 1 soldiers identified in Belgium
- Graves of lost World War 1 Marines identified in France and Belgium
- Graves of missing Bedfordshire Officers identified in Belgium
- First World War soldier from Haslingden buried in France - GOV.UK
- Four First World War soldiers from Grimsby buried in France - GOV.UK
- British and German soldiers of the Great War laid to rest together near Ypres - GOV.UK

- Three members of RAF Lancaster Crew buried in the Netherlands - GOV.UK
- Scottish soldiers buried in France on the 110th anniversary of their deaths - GOV.UK
- Eight British soldiers of the Great War laid to rest in France - GOV.UK
- Two World War One Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders commemorated in France - GOV.UK
- Grave of missing soldier identified in Belgium - GOV.UK
- Grave of missing World War One soldier identified in France - GOV.UK
- Soldier of the Highland Light Infantry Rededicated in France
- Graves of four soldiers killed in 1940 identified in France
- Graves of three soldiers killed in Normandy identified
- Grave of missing World War One Captain identified in Belgium
- Grave of missing World War One CSM identified in Belgium
- Lost World War One soldier found in France
- Windsor soldier of World War One buried with full military honours
- Unknown soldiers buried in France
- Three 'unknown' soldiers of World War One finally found
- 'Unknown' soldier's grave identified 107 years after his death
- Grave of Missing Windsor Soldier of World War One Identified in Belgium
- Grave of lost Scottish soldier of World War One identified in France
- Graves of Lost Korean War soldiers identified

- Grave of lost World War Two soldier located in Italy
- Grave of missing World War Two soldier identified in Italy
- Grave of missing World War Two soldier identified in Italy 80 years after his death
- HRH The Princess Royal remembers fallen Scottish soldiers
- Graves of Royal Dublin Fusiliers located in Belgium
- Grave of missing soldier identified in Belgium nearly 110 years after his death
- Graves of two World War 1 officers of The Royal Irish Fusiliers identified
- Grave of Donegal soldier identified in France more than 100 years after his death
- Graves of six soldiers of Welsh regiments identified on Western Front
- World War One Soldiers Buried in France
- Two World War One Soldiers Buried in France
- Officer of the Cheshire Regiment killed in World War One laid to rest in France
- Dundee soldier buried with military honours in France
- Grave of Yorkshire Soldier identified in France
- Graves of five soldiers of the York and Lancaster Regiment identified on the Western Front
- Graves of two World War One soldiers identified in France
- Graves of lost World War One soldiers identified in Belgium
- Grave of Yorkshire Soldier identified in Belgium
- Grave of Derbyshire-born Royal Marine identified in the Netherlands

- Graves of two Glasgow soldiers rediscovered in Belgium
- Three Great War soldiers buried with full military honours in Belgium
- Graves of Two Scottish Soldiers Rededicated in France
- Remains of Coldstream Guards missing since 1944 found in France
- Grave of Wolverhampton soldier killed in Normandy during World War Two identified
- Graves of three comrades killed in Normandy following D-Day identified
- Three Great War soldiers buried in Belgium
- Three Great War soldiers buried in France
- Soldier killed on the Somme buried more than 100 years after his death
- Ceremony for World War 2 airman identified 83 years after fatal flight
- Remains of World War 1 airman finally identified
- World War 1 stretcher bearer buried in Belgium
- Graves of two soldiers of the Great War rededicated in France
- Soldiers who fell in France a generation apart honoured in graveside ceremonies
- Graves of two officers missing since 1918 rededicated in France
- Grave of a Worcestershire Soldier Identified in Belgium
- Graves of two soldiers killed in northern France rededicated
- Sheffield soldier of the Great War laid to rest 105 years after his death
- Graves of six Great War soldiers rededicated

- British airman laid to rest 78 years after fatal flight
- WW2 airman buried in the Netherlands
- WW2 burial in the Netherlands
- Unknown Grenadier Guard finally laid to rest
- Graves of two Royal Naval Division officers rededicated in France
- Seven soldiers of the Great War finally laid to rest
- WW1 Royal Air Force officer's grave rededicated.
- Two Great War RAF officers' graves rededicated.
- Graves of two Great War casualties finally rededicated.
- Unknown WW1 soldier identified as relative of poet Wordsworth.
- WW2 officer's grave rededicated in France.
- Rededication services held in Belgium for Capt Hugh Travers, DSO, and Sjt Frederick Cardy.
- Rededication services in France for Lieutenant (Lt) Frederic Hornby Lever Rushton MC and Private (Pte) John Martin Roberts.
- Burial of Pte William Johnston and an unknown East Yorkshire Regiment soldier
- Blessing service in Italy for Flying Officer Arnold Hallas
- Unknown WW2 British Soldier buried in Italy.
- Graves of Rifleman (Rfn) Albert George Sleet, Lieutenant (Lt) Wilfrid Ashton Piercy and Serjeant (Sjt) James Gration DCM rededicated in France.
- Graves of 2Lt Sam Hughes and CSM David Jones DCM rededicated in northern France
- Final resting place of Yorkshire Regiment soldier identified more than a century after his death
- Nine soldiers of the Great War buried a century after their deaths
- WW1 soldier identified by his medal ribbons laid to rest in the presence of his family
- Two unknown soldiers of the Great War finally buried

- Royal Flying Corps Observer's grave finally identified
- British soldiers killed during WW2 are honoured as they are laid to rest
- Services held for 2 Welsh brothers in arms killed during the Great War
- Grave of Royal Welsh Fusilier identified a century after his death in the Great War
- Family of World War 1 soldiers attend their relatives' funeral a century after they gave their lives.

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