

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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<http://yard.ccta.gov.uk/cwgc/register.nsf>

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) is the organisation that looks after all of Britain's war graves across the world. This amounts to over 1.5 million graves from China to France. Its website has over 250, 000 visitors a week and contains a register of all the soldiers' graves that it looks after.

You should have before you start a list of between 5 to 10 names of people you know died in either World War One or Two.

As you are looking up each soldier on your list, enter their details into a table like the one below. An example has been filled in for you. Draw the table with a ruler and a pencil in your exercise book.

Name of Soldier	Age	Date of Death	Where they are buried	Other Information
J Bloggs	22	29/10/14	Pas-de-Calais	Born in East Pinchbeck the son of Ann Bloggs.

Step by Step Instructions for Using the Commonwealth War Graves Register of Honour

1. Go to the Wargraves website <http://yard.ccta.gov.uk/cwgc/register.nsf>
2. Double click the left hand mouse button on **Search the Register**
3. You should see in front of you a table for you to type the information into about the soldier you are looking for.

4. Once you have filled in his details including his Surname, initials and the war that he served in, **double click** on the **Search the Register** button.
5. You should now have in front of you a table of soldiers with the same name as you are looking for. **Double click** on the soldier you think might be the one you are looking for. (It helps if you know the area your soldier lived in before the war)
6. The details of the soldier that you have selected should now be displayed in front of you. You can now begin to fill in the table you have drawn in your exercise book.
7. You can view the soldiers Record of Commemoration if you want by **clicking** on the **Record of Commemoration** button.
8. Once you have finished viewing the soldier's details **click the back button** on the toolbar and then **double click** on **search** in the menu options. You are now ready to begin searching for another soldier's details.

Extension Work.

- Q1. Look at the ages of the soldiers in your table. How old is the youngest soldier? How old is the eldest soldier? Do these ages surprise you in any way?
- Q2. Where are most of these soldiers buried? Why do you think so few soldiers were returned home for burial?
- Q3. Did you notice the names of the towns from which any of the soldiers came? Name a few.
- Q4. Why do you think a resource such as the Commonwealth War Graves Register is useful to Historians? What have you found out about the people who fought and died in wars from using it?