

SEREMBAN CHRISTIAN CEMETERY

Seremban a town with a population of 42,000, is in Negri Sembilan State on the western side of the Malay Peninsula, and is the capital of the state.

In February 1941, when part of the Australian 8th Division was sent to Malaya, one of the medical units-the 2/9th Field Ambulance-was posted there. Most of the war graves in Seremban were moved to Taiping War Cemetery, where permanent maintenance is assured but one war grave in this Christian cemetery remains. The cemetery is 2.25 miles from Seremban at the end of Gutsall Road. The grave lies to the right of the gateway in the third plot.

Seremban is a town on the main highway between Kuala Lumpur and Johore Bahru. It is approximately 70 kilometres from Kuala Lumpur. The Cemetery is on higher ground, near the Government Road Maintenance Department Offices (JKR Offices) and close to the Gurkhas Cemetery. It is reached down a lane.

This single Commonwealth war grave is to the left of the first entrance lane and close to the cross lanes.

<u>DE SOUZA, ROLAND, R</u>	Private	7532728	Royal Army Medical Corps	16/08/1945	21	Grave 130
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During the Malaya Emergency this Cemetery (from 1948 –1955) was used for burial of 34 servicemen and 10 Federation of Malaya Police who had died in that area.

This cemetery became cramped and graves were not in tidy rows so that after 1955 all military deaths in the area were committed to the Cheras Road Christian Cemetery (Military Anne) Kuala Lumpur.

In addition to this it became very difficult to maintain the graves of those buried in the Roman Catholic section of the cemetery. So the BHC (British High Commission) Malaysia, who was responsible, contacted all next of kin and it was agreed that they would be moved to Cheras Road.

Reburial Service at Cheras Road Christian & Military Cemetery K.L. this ceremony took place on the 5th December 2006.



In attendance was the Defence Advisor Col.P.E Edwards.MBE and his Deputy Lt.Cdr.M Davies R.N
Defence Section staff and their spouses and member of the local community.

The service was carried out with full military honours and conducted by two clergymen,
Andrea Chea, an Anglican Reverend from St.Mary's Cathedral K.L and Father Anthony Thomas a
Roman Catholic Priest from the church of the Sacred Heart.

Bugler from the Royal Gurkha Regiment was in attendance to sound the Last Post and Reveille.

The names and details of those who were reburied are as follows:-

Highland Light Infantry

<i>Name</i>	<i>Initials</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Service No</i>	<i>Date Died</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Row</i>	<i>Grave No</i>
<i>Whitney</i>	<i>W.G</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>380153</i>	<i>28.3.49</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>RC</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>1329</i>

1st Bn The Queens Royal Regiment(West Surrey)

<i>Fisher</i>	<i>R.W</i>	<i>Pte.</i>	<i>22890762</i>	<i>18.5.54</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>RC</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>1331</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>S.P</i>	<i>Pte.</i>	<i>22890765</i>	<i>20.7.54</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>RC</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>1336</i>

26th FIELD REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>J.H</i>	<i>Gnr.</i>	<i>14451614</i>	<i>21.12.49</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>RC</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>1330</i>
<i>Hayes</i>	<i>J.P</i>	<i>Gnr.</i>	<i>22150187</i>	<i>31.1.50</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>RC</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>1332</i>

During the above service three pre-war graves from the St.Mark's church burial ground Seremban took place they were for the following:-

2nd Bn Royal Welch Fusiliers

<i>Weeks</i>	<i>HW</i>	<i>Sgt.</i>	<i>23953516</i>	<i>29.7.1930</i>	<i>unknown</i>	<i>CE</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>1333</i>
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Queens Own Cameron Highlanders

<i>Gallagher</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>CSM</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>6.5.1935</i>	<i>unknown</i>	<i>CE</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>1334</i>
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Royal Engineers

<i>Dunman</i>	<i>T.N</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>19.6.1914</i>	<i>unknown</i>	<i>CE</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>1335</i>
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This is the grave of Gunner. N. Higgs who served with 26 Field Regiment Royal Artillery their camp was in Tampin a town now shared by two States Negri Sembilan and Malacca. This Regiment was in Malaya before the outbreak of the Emergency and were in the process of training Gurkhas to become gunners, but both were returned to an infantry role due to shortage of combat regiments.



This is the grave of Pte.G.S James and behind him Pte N Baldwin and Pte.W.J.Daynes they served with The 1st Battalion of the Green Howards in the Bentong, Temerloh, Mentakab and Kuala Pilah areas. To the right and behind are the graves of three of the ten Fed. Malaya Police buried in this cemetery.

Remaining Graves in the Seremban Christian Cemetery

13th 18th Royal Hussars(Queen Mary's Own)

Name	Initials	Rank	Service No	Date Died	Age	Section	Row	Grave No
Carpenter	G.E	2 nd Lt.	410571	20.9.50	19	CE	-	51
Cook	D.R	Tpr.	22286094	5.10.52	27	CE	-	73
Harden	J.B	2 nd Lt.	415260	6.9.51	23	CE	-	48

1st Bn Green Howards

Alcock	G	Pte.	22542173	21.5.52	19	CE	-	68
Baldam	N	Pte.	19048053	20.8.50	20	CE	-	33
Crosthwaite	F.L	Pte.	22608746	2.5.52	19	CE	-	65
Daynes	W.J	Pte.	19037082	31.3.50	21	CE	-	53
Hartley	W	Pte.	22608751	2.5.52	18	CE	-	64
James	G.S	Pte.	22141278	31.3.50	19	CE	-	32
Porter	R.W	Pte.	22608767	2.5.52	21	CE	-	63
Wray	A	Sgt.	14450061	2.5.52	26	RC	-	66

26th Field Regiment Royal Artillery (R.A)

Name	Initials	Rank	Service No	Date Died	Age	Section	Row	Grave No
Chapman	G.E.H	Bdr.	14190395	21.12.49	21	CE	-	36
Heyburn	D	Sgt.	851887	7.11.49	35	CE	-	29
Higgs	N	Gnr.	893310	25.11.50	20	CE	-	28
Hughes	G.O	Gnr.	22291643	8.2.55	20	CE	-	95
Prett	R.S.C	Gnr.	19104696	12.10.49	24	CE	-	2
Thomson	J	Gnr.	19037172	4.10.49	20	CE	-	3

1st Bn The Queens Royal Regiment(West Surrey)

Jones	R.E	Sgt.	22822642	18.5.54	34	CE	-	86
Palmer	A.V	2 nd Lt.	430086	12.4.54	19	CE	-	4

1st Bn. Devonshire Regiment & SAS

Garrett	W.F	WO11	5619235	13.10.51	32	CE	-	47
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Corps of Royal Engineers (R.E.s)

Webb	A.A.M	L/Cpl.	22807027	13.12.54	20	CE	-	93
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Border Regiment

Prynne	R	Capt.	369290	22.12.54	27	CE	-	94
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Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders

Shaw	W	Major	391073	3.7.52	29	RC	-	69
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Corps Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

<i>James</i>	<i>D.H</i>	<i>Cfn.</i>	<i>14469554</i>	<i>26.5.50</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>CE</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>McHugh</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>Sgt.</i>	<i>21019013</i>	<i>28.3.48</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>CE</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>38</i>

Royal Military Police (R.M.P.)

<i>Morton-Jones</i>	<i>A.E</i>	<i>L/Cpl.</i>	<i>22437988</i>	<i>30.1.52</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>CE</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>41</i>
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The Brigade of Gurkhas

<i>Forestier-Walker</i>	<i>A.I MBE</i>	<i>Lt.Col</i>	<i>56695</i>	<i>2.2.54</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>CE</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>83</i>
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The Royal Air Force (R.A.F)

<i>Ellis</i>	<i>B.A</i>	<i>Sgt.</i>	<i>3045992</i>	<i>15.2.51</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>CE</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Kent</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Sgt.</i>	<i>1852236</i>	<i>15.2.51</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>CE</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>26</i>

Federation of Malaya Police

<i>Name</i>	<i>Initials</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Service No</i>	<i>Date Died</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Row</i>	<i>Grave No</i>
<i>Aylott</i>	<i>D.J.</i>	<i>E/ Sgt.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>12.12.49</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>N/A</i>		<i>CCGRS</i>
<i>Cooper</i>	<i>B.F.S.</i>	<i>Asst./Supt.</i>	<i>466</i>	<i>15.12.48</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>“</i>		<i>“</i>
<i>Hore</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>Cadet/ASP</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>12.12.49</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>“</i>		<i>“</i>
<i>Hurst</i>	<i>N.H.H.</i>	<i>Pol./Lt.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>28.12.50</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>“</i>		<i>“</i>
<i>Johnson</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>E/Sgt.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1.6.50</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>“</i>		<i>“</i>
<i>Watson MM</i>	<i>R.</i>	<i>Pol./Lt.</i>	<i>377</i>	<i>29.8.51</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>“</i>		<i>“</i>

Auxiliary Police (They were managers of Rubber Estates)

<i>Gutsell</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Aux/Pol.</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>10.2.49</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>“</i>		<i>“</i>
<i>Harding</i>	<i>E.D.</i>	<i>Aux./Insp.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>25.1.52</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>“</i>		<i>“</i>
<i>Madden</i>	<i>P.R.B.</i>	<i>Aux./Insp.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>12.1.52</i>	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>“</i>		<i>“</i>
<i>Ritson</i>	<i>J.B.</i>	<i>Aux/Insp.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>11.1.54</i>	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>“</i>		<i>“</i>

CCGRS = Christian Cemetery Gutsell Road Seremban.

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