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## Commonwealth War Graves Commission

### Welcome!

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#### Welcome to our October Newsletter

September seems to have flown by and October is already upon us. Plans are already underway throughout the country and indeed the world for Remembrance ceremonies next month. I include a few with which we are involved, but hope to include a wider feature next month.

#### Meet our staff

Members of staff from our United Kingdom Area office will be at Warwick Library on 28 October - [further details here](#).

Keep in touch and do let us know if you have any comments about the Commission's work, cemeteries, service or even this newsletter! Your comments are always welcome: [mail to : feedback](#)

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### Fromelles Update

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If you have not already done so, do check out the Fromelles website which is regularly updated.

The website [www.cwgc.org/fromelles](http://www.cwgc.org/fromelles) also has its own newsletter, and contains very interesting background information. Excavation has now been completed and work is now well underway with the building of the cemetery.

#### Monday 19 July 2010: Commemorative Ceremony

**Before you make any arrangements to attend this ceremony, please read the information in this report. [Further Details here>>>>](#)**

### Visiting a cemetery?

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This section continues our focus on our cemeteries and how they operate.

### **Have you ever wondered how Commission cemeteries are maintained?**

In France, mobile groups have been maintaining the cemeteries for over 80 years.

A most interesting leaflet entitled [Work of a Mobile Group](#), highlights their history, showing you the extent of this task and how life has changed over the years for Commission staff (*Note: this leaflet is 4.5mb and can take a while to download on some machines*)

**Are you visiting France or Belgium?** If so, did you know the Commission produces an atlas of its cemeteries?

**[Michelin Road Atlas: Cemeteries and Memorials in Belgium and Northern France](#)** (a compact guide covering the areas with the densest population of war cemeteries in northern France and Belgium, including Normandy. Cost £7.00)

## **Out and about**



### **Stratford Upon Avon airmen remembered**

On Monday 14th September 2009, at Stratford-Upon-Avon Cemetery in England, a new type of information panel was installed. [Watch the video for further information.](#)

### **65th Anniversary of Operation Market Garden**

Our mobile exhibition stand was at **Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery** from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th September as part of the 65th Anniversary of Operation Market Garden. On Sunday the cemetery was the venue for the moving Service of Remembrance when local school children laid flowers on the graves of each of those who died liberating their country. It was a pleasure to meet so many of you who attended these commemorations at what was a very moving, but spectacular event.

### **Commissioners visit Fromelles**

On 3 September, Commissioners visited Fromelles to see the ongoing work. Keith Simpson MP, one of our Commissioners, wrote his experiences up for the

## **Pass it on**

Do you know anyone who would like to receive this newsletter?

[Click here](#) to send it on up to 5 friends at once.

[Fromelles blog which you can read here.](#)

## Commission's work in Canada

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Following on from the updates in earlier newsletters of the work carried out on the Commission's behalf by the Ministry of Culture and Heritage in New Zealand, we now include a report from our Canadian Agency, based in Ottawa and responsible for maintaining all our graves and memorials in North America.

[The report can be found here.](#) See also **RELATED LINKS**>>>>

## A-Z of countries

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We continue our monthly feature, working our way through the alphabet, focussing on some of the more unusual places where we have a commitment

This Month.....[Fiji](#) and [The Falklands](#)

The other F's are Faroe Islands, and of course France!

**Ghana or Gibraltar?** *Is anyone you know commemorated in either of these countries, which we may be able to include in the next issue?*

## Remembrance around the world

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### Remembrance is an important time for teachers and schools

Our new [Learning Zone](#) which gives access to our cross-curricular resources, provides particularly useful information for Remembrance. If you know any teachers or students who might find this helpful, please pass this newsletter on.

### Remembrance Ceremonies

It is impossible for the Commission to list all the cemeteries and memorials in its care where Remembrance Ceremonies will take place this November. We do have details of some, however, and [attached is a list](#) for information. It will be updated in the next newsletter.

**A special event will also take place this year honouring the WW1 generation.** Further information can be found on the Ministry of Defence website **SEE RELATED LINKS**>>>

## At Your Service?

## Did you know?

- If you are new to the newsletter and want to read any previous newsletters, they can all be [found on our website](#)
- If you have an enquiry about our work or wish to trace a casualty please contact our [Enquiries Section](#)
- Our [At Your Service](#) leaflet providing information on the service we provide, our service standards, comments and complaints has recently been updated. Do have a look
- A review of our standards for [2008/2009 can be found here](#)
- **Do you want a photograph?** We are now working in association with [The War Graves Photographic Project \(TWGPP\)](#) to supply photographs, either emailed or hard copies, of gravestones or memorials to those that request them. The TWGPP is a volunteer based organisation who are digitally recording every war grave around the world. If you would like to use the service or volunteer your help please visit the site using the link shown.

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