

FRANK HARRIS (1910-12)

Date of Birth	14 September 1895
School Information	Sub Prefect
Career Information	None
Date Of Death	9 December 1915
Cause of Death	Died of wounds received in action
Location	Cape Helles, Gallipoli
Cemetery	Alexandra (Chatby) Military and War Cemetery, Egypt Plot B 40
Rank	Sapper
Branch of Service	Royal Marines

We are hugely grateful to **Richard Rowe (S65-74)** who when visiting Egypt in May 2023 walked from Hadra Cemetery to Chatby, less than 1 mile away. There is a nice story that the gardener added another plant when he saw Richard viewing.

The large bound register at the cemetery revealed some fascinating detail that he was killed after volunteering to do dangerous work - but sadly no mention of any medals. The entry reads as follows :

HARRIS, Sapper, FRANK, Deal/362(S), R.M. Div. Engineers, R.N. Div. Royal Marines. , Died of wounds (received while doing dangerous work for which he had volunteered) 9 December 1915. Age 20. Son of Thomas Harris, of 28, Rush Hill Rd, Lavender Hill, London, and the late Mary E. Harris. Ex member of the O.T.C., Framlingham College, and Speech boy of the College. Grave Ref. B. 40.











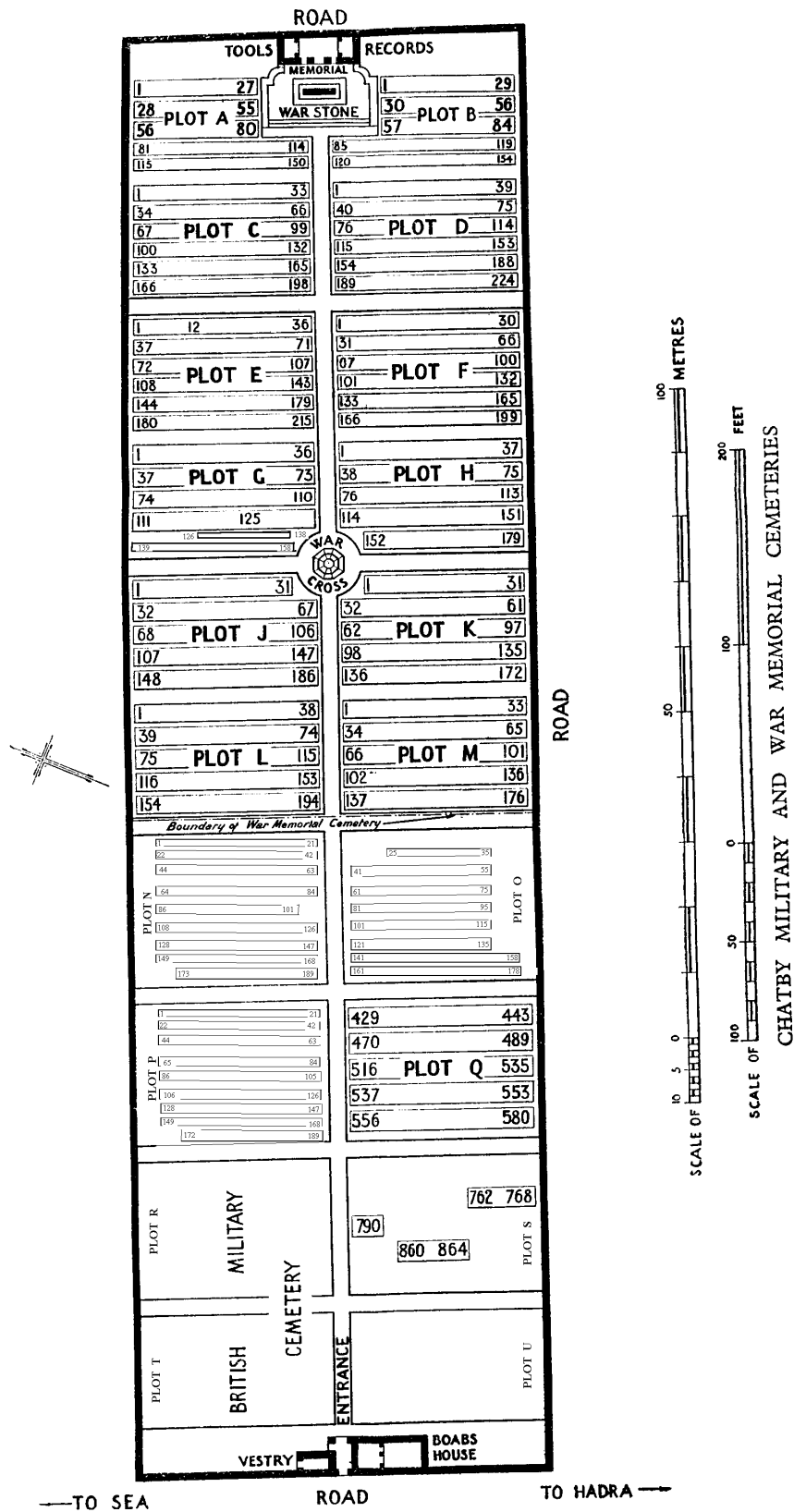
Egypt – Alexandria (Chatby) Military & War Memorial Cemetery

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Chatby War Memorial Cemetery is open **Saturday to Thursday 07.00 to 14.30**. For further information and enquiries please contact enquiries@cwgc.org

Chatby is a district on the eastern side of the city of Alexandria, between the main dual carriageway to Aboukir, known as Al Horaya, and the sea. The Chatby Memorial is situated within Chatby War Memorial Cemetery which is located centrally within the main Alexandria cemetery complex. It is bordered by Al Horaya on the south and the electric tramway, which is parallel with Sharia Champollion, on the north. Visitors can reach the entrance to the cemetery along the road Sharia Anubis, which lies centrally north/south through the cemetery area. Less than 1 mile from Egypt – Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery



The following information is on the plaque at the cemetery :

THE EGYPTIAN BASE IN THE TWO WORLD WARS

Egypt, the land bridge between Africa and Asia and, through the Suez Canal, the link between East and West, was a great Commonwealth base in both World Wars. Unsuccessfully attacked from the east by Turkish Forces in the First World War, Egypt became the springboard from which the subsequent conquest of Sinai, Palestine, the Lebanon and Syria was mounted and sustained. In the second war, the threat was from the west and was not removed until October 1942 when victory at the Battle of Alamein led to the complete expulsion of the German and Italian Forces from North Africa.

As well as these two major campaigns there were also mounted from the Egyptian base the Commonwealth Expeditionary Forces despatched to Gallipoli in the First and to northern Ethiopia, Greece and the Levant in the Second World War.

As well as reinforcement camps, leave centres and large supply depots, the Egyptian base contained the hospitals to which casualties were evacuated from the campaign areas. These hospitals were served by war cemeteries and other burial places which together contain the graves of 16,000 identified war dead and memorials to a similar number whose graves are unknown.

A further 22,000 casualties of the desert war are buried or commemorated by memorial in the two war cemeteries at El Alamein and Halfaya Sollum.

ALEXANDRIA (HADRA) WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY

This Cemetery contains 3,046 burials 1,704 of the First and 1,342 of the Second World War. By Forces they comprise:

	First World War	Second World War
British	1,571	948
Canadian	4	10
Australian	24	91
New Zealand	2	45
South African	22	151
Indian	18	21
British West Indian	58	-
East African	-	35
Seychelles	-	1
Other Nationals	5	38

THIS CEMETERY WAS CONSTRUCTED AND IS MAINTAINED BY THE
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