

# Durrington

## German War Graves Exhumed

Between 1916 & 1919 approximately 47 Germans were buried in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire. Burial records from Durrington Council show that 47 Germans were buried in the cemetery, however, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists 45 German soldiers, 1 German Sailor, 1 German Civilian & 2 Unknowns, making a total of 49.

On 16 October 1959, an agreement was concluded by the governments of the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the future care of the graves of German nationals who lost their lives in the United Kingdom during the two World Wars. The agreement provided for the transfer to a central cemetery in the United Kingdom of all graves which were not situated in cemeteries and plots of Commonwealth war graves maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in situ.

Following this agreement, the German War Graves Commission (Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgraberfursorge) made arrangements to transfer the graves of German servicemen and civilian internees of both wars from scattered burial grounds to the new cemetery established at Cannock Chase, Staffordshire, England.

The inauguration and dedication of this cemetery, which contains almost 5,000 German and Austrian graves, took place in the presence of Dr. Trepte, the President of Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgraberfursorge, on the 10th June 1967.

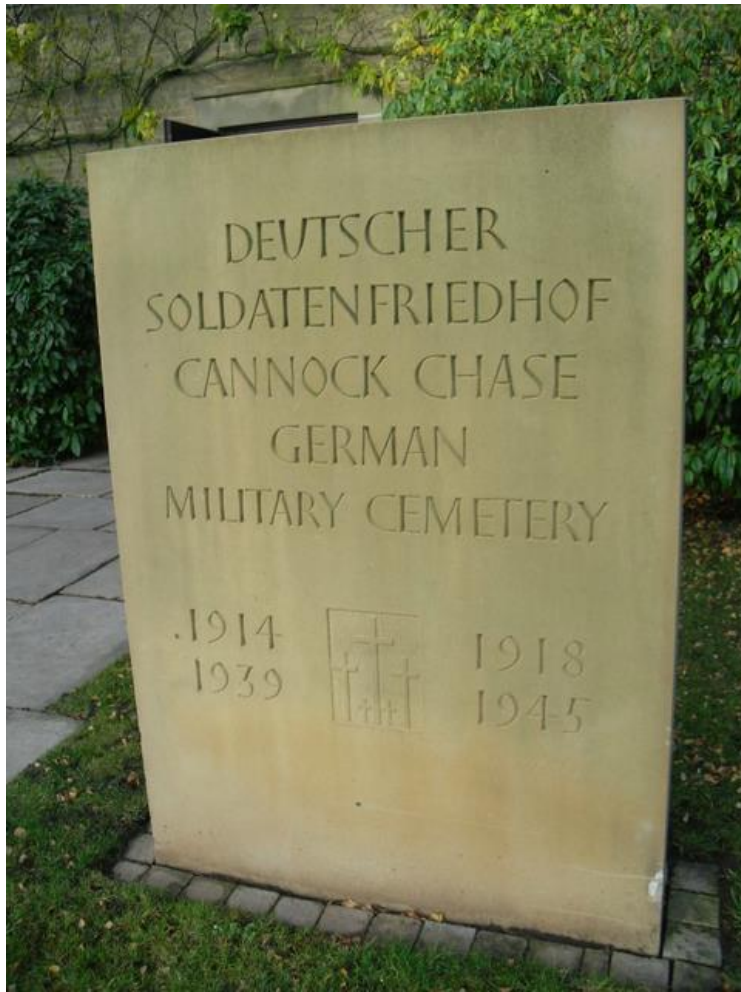
In the centre of the Hall of Honour, resting on a large block of stone, is a bronze sculpture of a fallen warrior, the work of the eminent German sculptor, Professor Hans Wimmer.

### **German War Graves, Cannock Chase**

The German Military Cemetery at Cannock Chase, Staffordshire contains both WW1 and WW2 dead – most having died in prisoner-of-war camps. The headstones are of Belgian granite and sit amongst heather, surrounded by pine woodland.

The dark, roughly-hewn granite gravestones are arranged in rectangular plots, the gravestones themselves standing in long beds of heather, with grass walkways between the rows, so that both sides of the stones can be seen. The stones are well spaced out, about a yard apart and each one marks four graves, two on each side. The details given for each man are name, rank, date of birth and date of death.

The cemetery contains the graves of 2,143 servicemen of the First World War and 2,786 of the second, concentrated here from all parts of the UK. 5 of the dead from 1914-18 and 90 from 1939-1945 are unknown by name.



Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery (Photos by William Metcalfe, 2011, with permission)

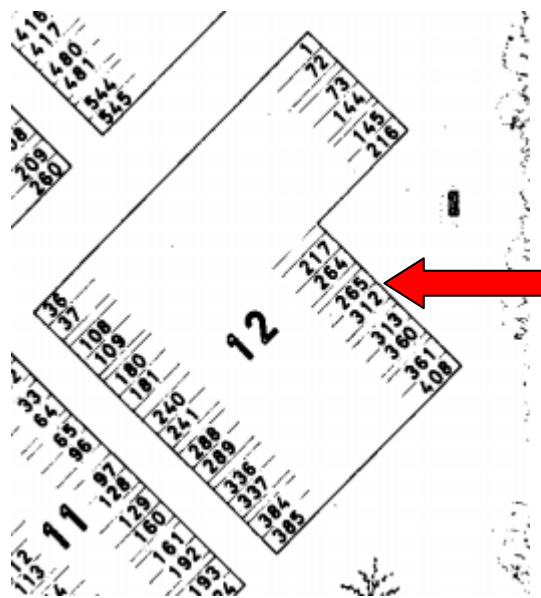
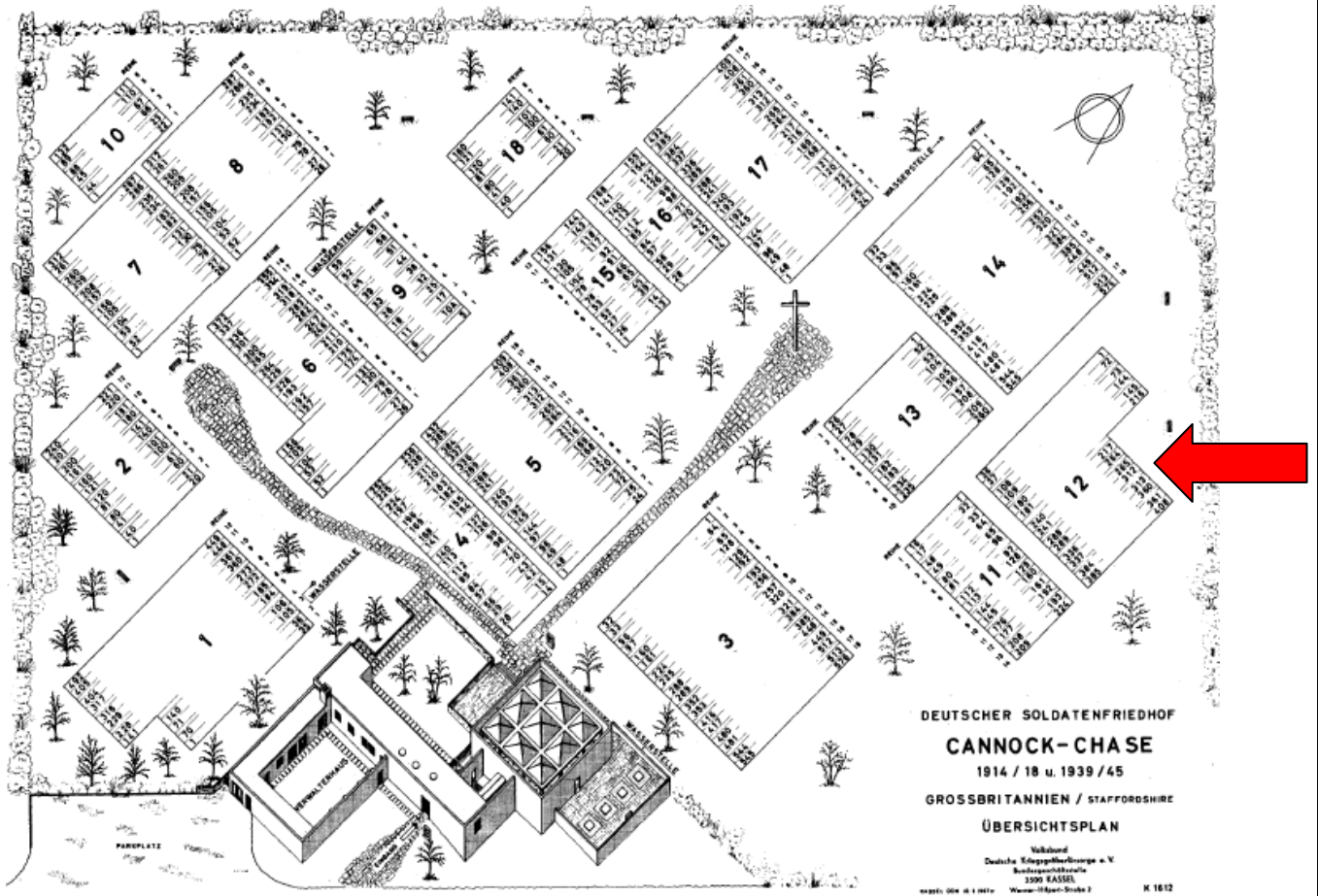




Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery (Photos from CWGC)



The 47 named German graves from Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire were re-interred in Block 12 – Grave No's 265 – 312 at Cannock Chase German Cemetery, Staffordshire.



**List of German's Exhumed from Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – February, 1963  
& re-interred at Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery, Staffordshire**

Information from CWGC				Information from Durrington Council Burial records				
Surname	Forename	Date of Death	Cannock Chase Block 12	Surname	Forename	Age	Burial Date in Durrington Cemetery	Durrington Cemetery Grave no.
Albrecht	Ernst Arthur	13 Nov 1918	Grave 307	Albrecht	Eresit A.	29	16 Nov 1918	338
Aufdermauer	Heinrich	2 Sept 1918	Grave 302	Aufdermauer	Heinrich	32	5 Sept 1918	293
Ballhausen	Theodor	7 Sept 1916	Grave 290	Ballhausen	J.		11 Sept 1916	104
Barmwater	Karl Heinrich Freidrich	26 July 1919	Grave 265	Barnater	Karl	29	28 July 1919	375
Caspari	Jakob	19 Sept 1918	Grave 297	Caspari	Jakob		23 Sept 1918	299
Dinkel	Andreas	1 March 1919	Grave 272	Winkel	Audries	22	4 March 1919	365
Ebel	Johannes	9 Sept 1918	Grave 300	Johannes	Ebel	28	12 Sept 1918	296
Ehses	Joseph	18 Sept 1918	Grave 298	Ehses	Joseph	22	21 Sept 1918	298
Friese	Fritz	20 Oct 1918	Grave 295	Friese	Fritz	25	24 Oct 1918	306
Gollditz	Georg Paul	15 Oct 1918	Grave 296	Golditz	George P.	24	22 Oct 1918	305
Grunhage	Freidrich	31 Oct 1918	Grave 312	Grunhage	Frederick	21	6 Nov 1918	326
Happach	Ernst	30 Jan 1919	Grave 270	Happach	Ernst	36	3 Feb 1919	361
Hofmann	August	1 Nov 1918	Grave 310	Hoffmann	August	30	6 Nov 1918	328
Imschloss	Leonhard	1 Nov 1918	Grave 278	Juschloss	Johann L.	26	11 Nov 1918	332
Killner	Ludwig	26 Sept 1916	Grave 305	Kilner	Ludwig	30	29 Sept 1916	109
Kruger	Ernest Johannes	3 Nov 1918	Grave 277	Kruger	Ernst J.	30	11 Nov 1918	331
Kruis	Xaver	5 Nov 1916	Grave 303	Kruis	Xavier	25	7 Nov 1916	117
Kundinger	Johann	21 Sept 1919	Grave 266	Kundinger	Johann	24	24 Sept 1919	377
Lehmann	Eduard	7 Nov 1918	Grave 309	Schmann	Edward	35	11 Nov 1918	333
Leschik	Johann	3 April 1919	Grave 274	Leschick	Johann	23	7 April 1919	371
Linde	Wilhelm	23 Dec 1918	Grave 285	Lurde	Wilhelm	30	29 Dec 1918	357
Luhe	Otto Karl	25 Oct 1918	Grave 293	Lure	Otto	27	31 Oct 1918	318

Michall	Gustav Franz	1 Nov 1918	Grave 311	Mitchall Jager	Gustav Franz	21	6 Nov 1918	327
Mummert	Carl Ernst	17 Nov 1918	Grave 306	Mumment	Karl C.	30	21 Nov 1918	350
Pichel	Martin Edwin	9 Dec 1918	Grave 284	Pichel	Martin E.	29	12 Dec 1918	355
Rockel	Karl	13 Nov 1918	Grave 279	Rochel	Karl	31	16 Nov 1918	339
Rohn	Julius Georg	25 Oct 1918	Grave 287	Rohn	Julius G.	20	31 Oct 1918	316
Sauer	Adolph	14 Oct 1916	Grave 304	Sauer	A.	24	17 Oct 1916	112
Schlangen	Wilhelm Gerhondt	23 Jan 1919	Grave 269	Schlangen	Wilhelm G.	26	25 Jan 1919	359
Schmidt	Wilhelm	12 Sept 1918	Grave 299	Schmidt	Wilhelm	21	16 Sept 1918	297
Scmudderich	August Theodor	21 Oct 1918	Grave 294	Scmudderwich	A. J.	32	28 Oct 1918	308
Schneider	Paul Karl Heinrich	16 Nov 1918	Grave 283	Schneider	Paul K. R.	22	22 Nov 1918	351
Schreiber	Gotthold Karl	29 Oct 1918	Grave 292	Schreiber	Gotthold	28	31 Oct 1918	319
Schreiber	Max Alfred	15 Nov 1918	Grave 281	Schreiber	Mar A.		19 Nov 1918	343
Schulte	Otto	22 May 1919	Grave 276	Schultz	Otto	39	26 May 1919	373
Schultze	Willi	18 Nov 1918	Grave 267	Schultze	Willi	33	21 Nov 1918	347
Steib	Karl	31 Oct 1918	Grave 291	Steil	Karl	23	6 Nov 1918	329
Strachotta	Franz	5 Sept 1918	Grave 301	Strachotta	Frans	21	7 Sept 1918	295
Tessman	Wilhelm Eilert	14 Nov 1918	Grave 280	Teesman	Wilhelm	36	18 Nov 1918	341
Tornede	Freidrich	17 Nov 1918	Grave 282	Tornede	Frederick	24	21 Nov 1918	349
Traute	Konrad	1 March 1919	Grave 273	Franke	Conrad	19	4 March 1919	366
Ulrich	Willi	25 Oct 1918	Grave 288	Ulrich	Willi	317	31 Oct 1918	317
Weber	Alois	9 Nov 1918	Grave 308	Weber	Alois	26	13 Nov 1918	337
Wengerle	Heinrich	18 April 1919	Grave 275	Wergele	Otto	30	22 April 1919	372
Weiser	Albert	21 Oct 1918	Grave 286	Weiser	Albert	32	28 Oct 1918	310
Wohlers	Paul Albert Ernst	18 Nov 1918	Grave 268	Wohlers	Paul A. E.	21	21 Nov 1918	348
Zepf	Rudolf Eugen	19 Feb 1919	Grave 271	Lepz	Rudolf E.	24	22 Feb 1919	364

All the above were listed as Soldiers by CWGC with the exception of Kruger, Ernst Johannes – Sailor & Luhe, Otto Karl - Civilian

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