

Sutton Veny

German War Graves Exhumed

Information provided by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission shows that between 1916 & 1919 approximately 38 German casualties were buried in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



Sutton Veny Churchyard showing a portion of the A.I.F. section. The crosses at the back, bearing elliptical tablets, mark the graves of German prisoners of war (POWs)

(Photos from Australian War Memorial c 1918-1919)



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.

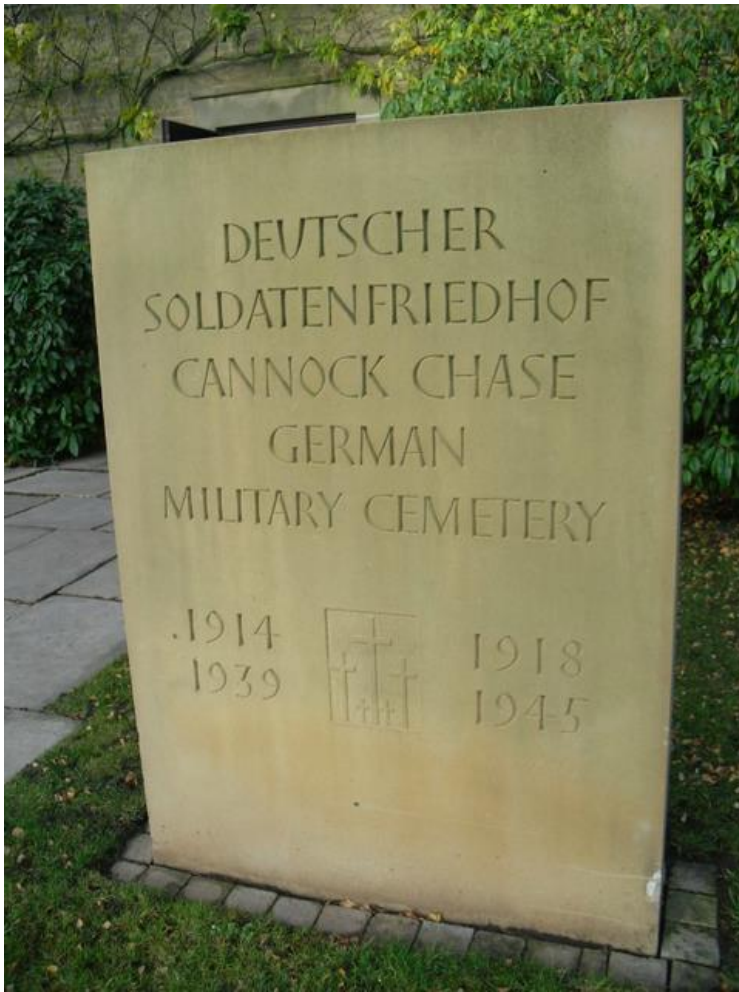
In the centre of the Hall of Honour, resting on a large block of stone, is a bronze sculpture of a fallen warrior, the work of the eminent German sculptor, Professor Hans Wimmer.

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*)

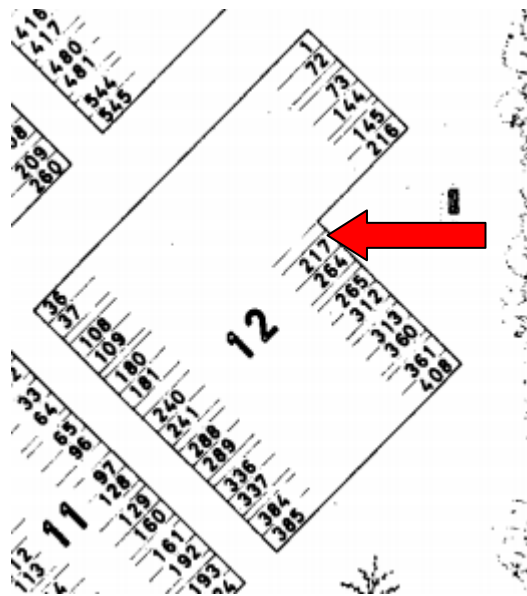
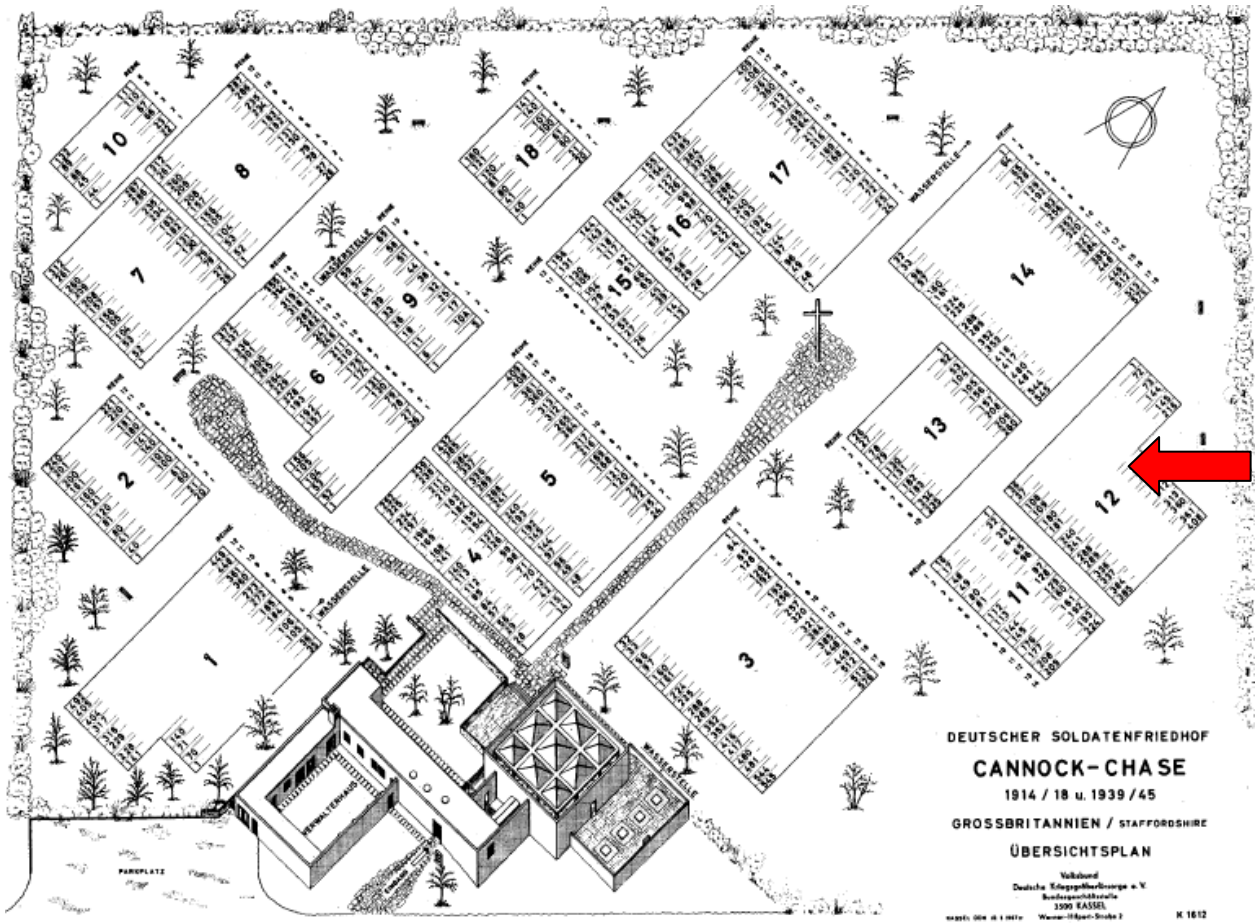




Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery (Photos from CWGC)



The 38 German graves from St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire were re-interred in Block 12 – Grave No's 222 – 263 at Cannock Chase German Cemetery, Staffordshire in 1963.



**List of German's Exhumed from St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny,
Wiltshire – around 1963 & re-interred at Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery,
Staffordshire**

Information from CWGC			
Surname	Forename	Date of Death	Cannock Chase Block 12
Barteck	Otto	29-October-1918	Row 8 Grave 247
Bongards	Johann	02-October-1916	Row 8 Grave 259
Burkhardt	Karl	27-July-1916	Row 7 Grave 222
Busch	Waldemar	24-February-1918	Row 8 Grave 243
Drave	Heinrich Paul Simon	22-November-1918	Row 8 Grave 245
Dumler	Fritz	22-November-1918	Row 7 Grave 236
Engel	Anton	06-October-1916	Row 8 Grave 260
Engelbart	Carl Ernst	30-August-1918	Row 8 Grave 255
Feldmann	Konrad	15-September-1918	Row 8 Grave 253
Gassan	Paul	24-September-1916	Row 7 Grave 240
Grassl	Joseph	14-September-1918	Row 8 Grave 254
Hamm	Ludwig	31-July-1916	Row 7 Grave 228
Hintze	Georg	02-August-1916	Row 7 Grave 229
Hoffmann	Kurt	04-August-1916	Row 7 Grave 232
Jaraczewski	H	25-July-1916	Row 7 Grave 225
Koch	Anton	17-July-1916	Row 7 Grave 226
Kompa	Eduard	27-September-1916	Row 7 Grave 237
Leha	Georg	26-September-1916	Row 7 Grave 238
Leja	Josef	26-September-1916	Row 8 Grave 264
Maisch	Anton	31-July-1916	Row 7 Grave 230
May	Karl	10-August-1916	Row 7 Grave 233
Meiler	Arthur	26-October-1918	Row 8 Grave 248
Muller	Hermann	15-October-1916	Row 8 Grave 261
Napiralski	Ladislaus	21-August-1916	Row 8 Grave 263
Neumann	August	11-October-1918	Row 8 Grave 250
Petsch	Karl	23-December-1916	Row 8 Grave 262

Poppen	Heinrich	28-September-1916	Row 7 Grave 239
Rannenburg	Willy	15-November-1918	Row 8 Grave 244
Roscheisen	Hans	20-September-1918	Row 8 Grave 256
Rudat	Eduard	11-October-1918	Row 8 Grave 251
Sperling	Otto	17-December-1918	Row 8 Grave 246
Schraufstetter	Joseph	06-November-1918	Row 8 Grave 249
Schwalbach	Georg	31-July-1916	Row 7 Grave 231
Tangermann	August	12-November-1918	Row 8 Grave 252
Tyczynski	Anton	11-August-1916	Row 7 Grave 234
Vohskuhler	K	14-July-1916	Row 7 Grave 227
Wagner	Oskar Hugo Hilmer	09-August-1916	Row 7 Grave 235
Werner	Wilhelm	13-February-1919	Row 8 Grave 242