

CROWBOROUGH WAR MEMORIAL



COMMEMORATIONS POLICY

Eligibility Criteria for Commemoration

January 2025

Responsibility: War Memorial Trustees

Review Cycle: Every five years

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14th January 2025

Introduction

This policy has been created by the Crowborough War Memorial Trust in conjunction with The Crowborough & District Veterans and Supporters Association.

The purpose of this policy is to define an eligibility criterion for the commemoration of those who have lost their lives in conflicts that have occurred since WW11 to the Crowborough War Memorial.

Definitions

Link to Crowborough	A resident of Crowborough at the time of death
Active Service	A person considered to have been in active service at the time of the conflict. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In full time service in the armed forces• If in part time duty in the armed forces they were on active duty
Armed Forces	Land, Naval and the Air Forces
Auxiliary Organisations	A person employed by an organisation to support the Armed Forces at the time of conflict.
Conflict periods	As determined by HM government

1. Criteria for commemoration

1.1 Armed Forces

Crowborough commemorates people who served in the Armed Forces during the time of conflict whose death:

- Occurred during the conflict period or
- was the result of:
- wounds inflicted by accident during active service
- disease contracted or commencing while on active service; or
- disease aggravated while on active service

In practice this means serving personnel are commemorated irrespective of the cause or circumstances of their death subject to the foregoing criteria being met.

Military personnel who died post-discharge are commemorated if it is established that they meet the above criteria.

1.2 Merchant Navy

The Merchant Navy refers to those who, during conflict:

- Are sailors of any nation and have signed for a voyage on a British or Commonwealth registered merchant ship, fishing boat, salvage vessel, lighthouse or Pilotage services boat, allied or neutral ships.

Crowborough commemorates sailors of the Merchant Navy (and specified associated auxiliary organisations and fishing fleets) who died, while signed on for a voyage:

- As a result of enemy action
- While detained by the enemy

1.3 Auxiliary Organisations

Crowborough commemorates members of auxiliary organisations who died during the time of conflict. Eligibility requires a casualty to have died:

- Whilst employed with the Armed Forces.
- From wounds whilst serving.