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CASSINO MEMORIAL.

Twelve years ago the Eighth Army won the Battle of Cassino, which opened the way to the liberation of Rome and the final freeing of all Italy. Now, the man who commanded the allied forces in that campaign, Field-Marshal Lord Alexander of Tunis, unveils a memorial among the peaceful Cassino fields to 4,068 men of the Commonwealth armies who died in Sicily and Italy and have no known grave.

Every one of these 4,068 names is engraved somewhere on these twelve marble pillars; for it is the aim of the Imperial War Graves Commission that every man who gave his life, whether or not his resting place is known, shall be individually named in equal honour with his comrades-in-arms. The land on which this memorial stands was the gift of the Italian people.

Around the memorial lie the graves of 4,200 other servicemen, of many faiths, who lost their lives in the same historic battles. Three hundred relatives have made a pilgrimage to Italy for this ceremony - bearers of their own private memories, and at the same time, ambassadors for us all.....