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THANBYUZAYAT WAR CEMETERY

The majority of those whose graves are in this cemetery died as prisoners of war during the construction and maintenance of the Burma-Thailand Railway from 1943 to 1945.

Of more than 3,100 members of the Commonwealth Forces buried in the cemetery 1,500 came from the United Kingdom, 1,300 from Australia, 79 from Malaya, 15 from India and Pakistan, 3 from New Zealand, 1 from Canada and 1 from Burma. In addition, there are more than 600 graves of servicemen from the Netherlands and 150 graves whose identity cannot be established.

Work is at present in progress on the permanent construction of the cemetery which will include a stone of Remembrance and a Cross of Sacrifice. The original cross of railway sleepers which was set up by the prisoners will be preserved in the cemetery entrance building.

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