

# Remembering fallen heroes

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The Very Reverend Christopher Butt, Dean of St Christopher's Cathedral, has already stepped in to assist by locating and sending Thame Remembers images of the grave.

Last week he placed a poppy by the fallen soldier's gravestone after the Remembrance Day Service at the cemetery which was attended by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, numerous ambassadors, members of the military, visiting Chelsea Pensioners, alongside representatives of local clubs, societies and schools.

For the moment, the Thame Remembers team has found out that 5392839 Warrant Officer Castle was one of the 371 British servicemen who died on active duty during the Cyprus Emergency and whose name is remembered with honour on the British Cyprus Memorial.

The Cyprus Emergency was a military action that took place in British Cyprus primarily consisting of an insurgent campaign by the Greek Cypriot militant group, the National Organisation of Cypriot Fighters (EOKA), to remove the British from Cyprus so it could be unified with Greece. Both the British and EOKA were in turn opposed by the Turkish Cypriot group Turkish Resistance Organisation, who rejected union with Greece. It led to Cyprus being granted independence in 1960.



**REMEMBRANCE DAY: Ambassadors and VIPs lay poppy wreaths to remember fallen servicemen during a ceremony staged at the Old Christian Cemetery in Manama at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, a date which signalled the signing of the armistice which ended the First World War**

Serving with the Royal Engineers, Warrant Officer Castle was killed on September 20, 1957. The group have also found an entry in the London Gazette of January 1, 1951, recording that he had been awarded a British Empire Medal (Military Division) in the King's New Year Honours List.

The Corps of Royal Engineers, usually just called the Royal Engineers, and commonly known as the Sappers, is one of the corps of the British Army. It is

highly-regarded throughout the military and especially the Army. It provides military engineering and other technical support to the British Armed Forces. The corps is divided into several regiments, barracked at various places in the UK and around the world.

The Royal Engineers trace their origins back to the military engineers brought to England by William the Conqueror and claim over 900-years of unbroken service to the Crown.



**MARCHING ON: Visiting Chelsea Pensioners Staff Sergeant James Anderson, Piper Michael Shanahan and Sergeant Louis Back at the ceremony and, below, from left, Adrian Dite, Mike Dyer and David Bretherton of Thame Remembers**



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