

German soldiers

3 The new cemetery

Soviet cemetery of honor

The cemetery of honor was laid out on burial ground 11 after the end of the war in 1945. In 1949 the obelisk was erected as a memorial. 196 deceased civilians and military personnel from the former Soviet Union were buried here, of whom 80 are known by name. During a redesign in 1978/1979, all tombstones were renewed among other things.

VvN memorial

The memorial was built in 1946 and redesigned in 1975 for those who were persecuted by National Socialism (VvN). In 1945, 41 deceased, mainly concentration camp prisoner's from the death march in the area of Parchim, were buried here.

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This grave field was created in 1945 as a so-called comrade grave and re-designed in 1975/1976. In 1996/1997 the grave field was partially renovated and marked as a war cemetery in accordance with the Burial Law. All names of the graves that still exist were recorded on three bronze boards.

Civil war victims

This war cemetery was created in 1997 on grave field 17. Mainly refugees from Pomerania and East Prussia are buried here, who died in the years 1945-1950 by the consequences of war. A total of 301 deceased are buried here.



Civil war victims



VvN memorial

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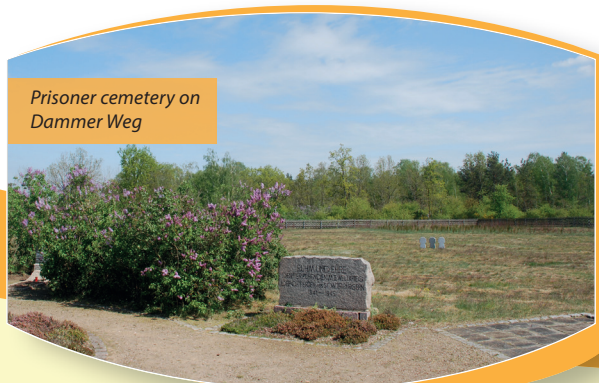


War graves in Parchim

In the town of Parchim there are three cemetery facilities on which graves for victims of war and tyranny are situated: the New cemetery on Lübzer Chaussee, the so-called prisoner cemetery on Dammer Weg and the Old cemetery on Wallallee.

Here the graves are laid out as individual and collective graves, as stipulated by the law on the preservation of graves of victims of war and tyranny (Burial Law). According to the law, these graves have a permanent rest right.

These war cemeteries are not only a place of silence, but above all a place of remembrance and warning. In order to pass on this thought of warning and the memory of the many suffering to the following generations, the city of Parchim has been supported by pupils in the maintenance of the war graves at the New cemetery since around 20 years.



1 Former prisoner cemetery on Dammer Weg

The largest war cemetery in Parchim is the prisoner's cemetery on Dammer Weg with over 1,000 individual graves from the First World War (1914-1918).

At the beginning of the First World War in 1914, one of the biggest prisoner-of-war camps in Northern Germany was created in Parchim. At times up to 15,000 prisoners were accommodated here. Already in autumn 1914 a cemetery for the deceased prisoners was put up on the other side of the street. The site had to be expanded until 1919.

By the end of occupancy in 1921, the cemetery had reached an area of around 11,000 m². A total of 1,402 soldiers were buried here in individual graves: mainly Russians and Serbs, but also French, English and Belgians. From 1923 the Western European countries began to transfer their war dead to their home countries. 1,164 graves remained on the prison cemetery.

In 1916, on the initiative of the French war prisoners and with money donations from the camp inmates, a memorial was erected and dedicated to their deceased comrades as a memory.

Further burials took place in the cemetery during the Second World War (1939-1945). 465 Eastern workers and 50 military personnel from different nations were buried here.

Only after 1962, after increasingly threatening neglect, the cemetery transformed into an honorary grove. All remaining grave slabs, a total of 728, were laid down in rows on the left and right in front of the monument. The burial mounds were finally leveled.

At the suggestion of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, (the British war graves service organization) a memorial stone for five British officers was erected in 1994. These were killed in an RAF Halifax (World War II bomber) crash near Kreien and were most likely buried in the prisoner's cemetery.



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