

## American Battle Monuments Commission - World War One Sites

## Routes of Interest London #2 - The Cenotaph, and Guards Memorial, London

## By Underground (Subway) and Walking

Note: The Cenotaph is a national war memorial in Whitehall, London. It recalls British, and Commonwealth dead of both World Wars, and subsequent wars. It was originally a temporary monument but became a permanent focus of commemoration. The Flags are replaced several times a year. It is the focus of national remembrance ceremonies each year. The Guards Memorial on Horse Guards Parade is a memorial to Guards, Household Cavalry, Royal Regiment of Artillery, Corps of Royal Engineers, Royal Army Service Corps and Medical Corps officers and men who fell in World War One. These are national monuments in historic public areas.

- 1. Go to Westminster Station on the Circle (Yellow), District (Green), and Jubilee (Grey) lines.
- 2. Exit Westminster Station on Bridge Street, Across from Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.
- 3. Turn right on George Street.
- 4. Take the second right onto Parliament/Whitehall Road.
- 5. The Cenotaph is in the middle of the street, in the middle of the second block.
- 6. Continue down Whitehall road.
- 7. Turn left at the pedestalled statue of Spencer Compton onto Horse Guards.
- 8. Go right at the intersection.
- 9. Go under the building and out onto Horse Guards Parade ground.
- 10. On the Far side of the parade ground carefully cross the street to the Guards Memorial.
- 11. It is a broad Portland Stone obelisk with five bronze statues modeled on serving Guardsmen, with a carved inscription by Rudyard Kipling.