

GILBERT ROBERT JEFFREY PERRETT

**Gunner
1557836**

**102 (The Northumberland Hussars) Anti-Tank Regiment
Royal Artillery**

**died on
Thursday 22nd May 1941
aged 26**

GILBERT ROBERT JEFFREY PERRETT
is buried in
SUDA BAY WAR CEMETERY
Crete

In May 1941, the Commonwealth force in Crete was organised in five widely separated defence areas along the north coast - around the three airfields at Iraklion, Rethymnon and Maleme, and at Suda Bay and the port of Chania. The Germans launched their attack on 20 May with airborne troops. The airfield at Maleme was quickly captured and used for landing German reinforcements. Of the total Commonwealth land force of 32,000 men, 18,000 were evacuated, 12,000 were taken prisoner and 2,000 were killed. The site of Suda Bay War Cemetery was chosen after the war and there are now 1,500 Commonwealth servicemen of the Second World War buried or commemorated in the cemetery.

Geoffrey Perrett is buried in Plot 7. Row A. Grave 7.

