



Pas-de-Calais
Conseil Général

90th

anniversary

of the end of the Great War

**Programme of events
in the Departement of Pas-de-Calais**



Editorial

«La guerre déclarée, j'ai pris mon courage à deux mains et je l'ai étranglée.»
("When war was declared, I took my courage in both hands and strangled it.")

Jacques PREVERT

As part of the national celebrations marking the 90th anniversary of the end of the Great War, the Departmental Council for the Pas-de-Calais is organizing and coordinating a number of events between September and December 2008. Our region was the stage for a world conflict: English, Belgians, Canadians, New Zealanders, Poles, Czechs, Portuguese, Native Americans, Senegalese, Indians, Chinese and Germans were just some of the nations that fought on our territory. Thousands of letters from young soldiers left the Pas-de-Calais each day for every country in the world. Numerous cemeteries commemorate the bloody battles which took place here. France's largest national cemetery, is at Notre-Dame-de-Lorette in the Commune of Ablain-Saint-Nazaire, and the largest British military cemetery in the world is at Etaples-sur-Mer.

On a more positive note, once the conflict was over, the Pas-de-Calais, with great resolution and with the help of France, managed to recover: more than a hundred towns and villages were rebuilt in the post-war period.

Today, the Council for the Pas-de-Calais is particularly concerned to apply the principles of sustainable development to the memorial sites, so that they can welcome and educate a wide audience in the right environment. This is the thinking behind our participation in the European Regional Programme « In Memory of the Great War » with the Belgian Province of West Flanders and the French Departements of the Nord, the Aisne and the Somme; and its promotion of the « Remembrance trails » which were initiated by the Regional Council of Nord-Pas de Calais.

I feel that this anniversary should be an occasion not simply to reflect on the facts. We must also, and more importantly, acknowledge the barbarity of war, encouraging those who are young today to make seeking and maintaining peace their primary concern.

I hope that all those living in the Pas-de-Calais, as well as the visitors who will join them, will find the many events marking this 90th anniversary both moving and memorable.

Dominique DUPILET
President of the Pas-de-Calais Departmental Council
Honorary Member of the French Parliament



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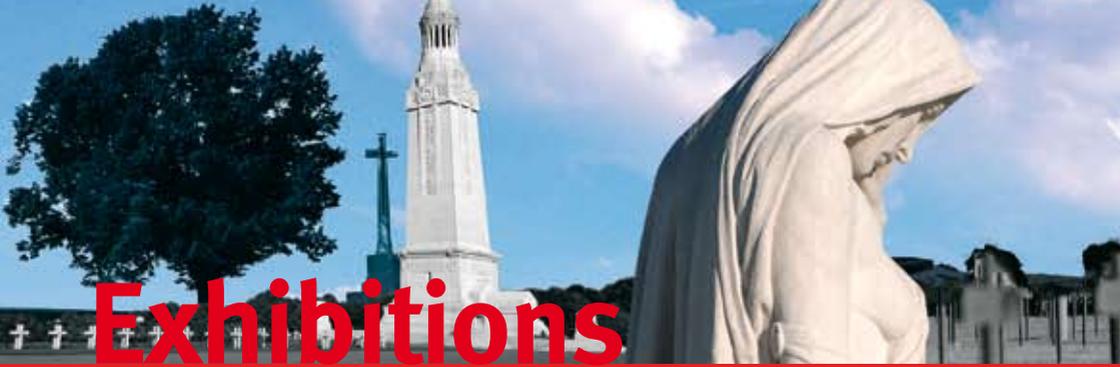
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Exhibitions

“The British military camp at Etaples – 1915-1919” (« Le camp militaire britannique d’Etaples-1915-1919 »)

7 June to 16 November 2008

The Musée Quantovic is marking the 90th anniversary of the Armistice in 1918 by using photographs, plans and excavated and collected objects to recreate what was one of the British Army’s largest rear base camps, a training camp and military hospital during the Great War.

Three pictures and eight drawings of the Great War by Eugène Chigot will also be on display. They include portraits, scenes and military landscapes from around 1917, and echo the exhibition « Eugène Chigot, de la Côte d’Opale aux rivages méditerranéen » (“Eugène Chigot - from the Opal Coast to the Mediterranean shores”), organized at the Musée du Touquet from 6 July to 2 November 2008.

This exhibition at the Musée Quantovic is linked to two others at the town’s library:
- a common exhibition on the British camp at Etaples,
- an exhibition of photographs taken by Achille Caron (senior) during the First War.

Musée Quantovic
8 Place du Général de Gaulle
Etaples-sur-mer

Opening hours: July and August: Wednesday to Monday, 10.00am to 12.00pm and
2.30pm to 7.00pm.

September onwards: Wednesday to Monday, 2.30pm to 6.00pm
00 33 (0)3 21 94 02 47

musee-quentovic@etaples-sur-mer.com

Guided tour of the temporary exhibition followed by a map-making workshop on the plan of the military camp (90 mins): book with the Culture Department.

00 33 (0)3 21 09 76 20

serviceculturel-museequentovic@etaples-sur-mer.com



“Exhibition in the footsteps of Francis Tattegrain, Bernard Clarisse”
(« Exposition dans les pas de Francis Tattegrain, Bernard Clarisse »)

3 May to 31 December 2008

The artist Bernard Clarisse’s early inspiration came from an ancient Normandy ritual in which moles were crucified on barbed wire. He is very aware of Greek mythology, and his pieces illustrating tales from antiquity have aspects in common with the soldiers’ tombstones.

Musée d’Opale Sud
60, rue de l’Impératrice
BERCK-SUR-MER
00 33 (0)3 21 84 07 80
musee@berck-sur-mer.com

“Photographs of hell and chaos: soldiers and landscapes from the Great War in the Nord/Pas-de-Calais”
(«Photographies de l'enfer et du chaos: combattants et paysages de la Grande Guerre dans le Nord/Pas-de-Calais»)

11 November 2008 to 11 November 2009

At the request of the Pas-de-Calais Departmental Council, La Coupole, the Nord/Pas-de-Calais History and Memorial Centre (near Saint-Omer) has designed an exceptionally telling and moving exhibition, “Photographs of hell and chaos: soldiers and landscapes from the Great War in the Nord/Pas-de-Calais”.

Based on film taken by French, British, Canadian, Australian and German army photographers, the exhibition displays enlarged photos that show the violence of a new type of war, one that bit deeply into our region's land. Thus aerial photographs show us a countryside slashed by networks of trenches. And we see the terrible living conditions of the soldiers, whether “Poilus” (French), Tommies (British) or Feldgrau (German); the destructive power of the artillery; the bloody and futile offensives; wide-scale death and soldiers' funeral rites; and the devastation in the towns (including Arras, Lens and Bailleul) and villages.

The exhibition is part of our homage to a generation of young Europeans who fell during the Great War and to their sacrifice. Through it, we come to understand how much it matters that today ours is a peaceful continent.

La Coupole
Rue du Mont à Car (D210)
Helfaut

(5 km from Saint-Omer, signposted route)

GPS coordinates: N 50.6984596 E2.2435140

Entrance: Exhibition only - € 3.00;

General visit to La Coupole (including exhibition) - € 9.00 (family rate available)

Open every day of the year

from 9.00am to 6.00pm and from 10.00am to 7.00pm in July and August.

Annual closure: 22 December 2008 to 4 January 2009 inclusive.

A fully-illustrated catalogue is available as a permanent record of your visit. This exhibition is staged in partnership with the Audiovisual Design and Production Service of the French Ministry of Defence (ECPa-D Fort d'Ivry)

00 33 (0)3 21 12 27 28
www.lacoupole-france.com



“Give way...” («Céder le passage...»)

9 December 2008 to 13 February 2009

A group of five statues, erected in a prominent position on the beach promenade at Fréjus, is a reminder that from the end of the 19th century, colonial troops played an active role in wars in which France was involved.

Guy Carpentier has created a photomontage of ten pictures of the monument, to explore the relationship we have today with objects and places which both have a place in history and are also an integral part of our environment.

Centre Européen de la Paix (European Centre for Peace)

Souchez

Free of charge

Closed over the year end from 20 December 2008 to 3 January 2009.

Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday: 2.00pm to 5.00pm; Sundays 7/12/08, 14/12/08, 4/01/09, 11/01/09, 18/01/09, 25/01/09, 1/02/09 and 8/02/09 from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

with the kind permission of the Communauté de Communes of Lens-Liévin.

information and reservations:

Mémoire d'Artois.

00 33 (0)3 21 44 07 04

contact@memoire-artois.fr

“Engraved in memory” (« Mémoire gravée »)

Exhibition by the Departmental Mediatheque

Used as a battleground, transit route and billet, the Pas-de-Calais was among the Departements receiving most foreign soldiers during the First World War. Whether Indian, English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, Australian, New-Zealanders, Canadian, Portuguese or African, they have all left their impression on the community, and memories are passed orally from generation to generation, even over eighty years later.

But the Departement has more obvious traces as well: engravings by Canadian soldiers are cut into the stones of farmhouses, barns and underground passages in billeting areas. The stones, being of limestone and ideal for engraving, turned into “memory tablets”.

23 September to 17 October
Collège Anne Franck, Dourges

17 October to 19 November
Town Library, Grenay

Exhibition on loan from the Departmental Mediatheque
00 33 (0)3 21 21 47 97

“1914- 1918, the Pas-de-Calais at war: experiences of the extreme” (« 1914- 1918, le Pas-de-Calais en guerre: les gammes de l'extrême »)

Exhibition from the Pas-de-Calais Departmental Archives

The “war to end all wars” inflicted terrible suffering on the Pas-de-Calais. Land in the east of the Departement was at the heart of the conflict, and emerged dead and devastated, burnt and defiled. Over 279 Communes were left in ruins, 100,000 houses were destroyed and 530,000 inhabitants left homeless. An exhibition such as this is essential if we are to understand the sacrifice of the fighters and the sufferings of the civilian population, forgotten victims in the combat areas and occupied territory.

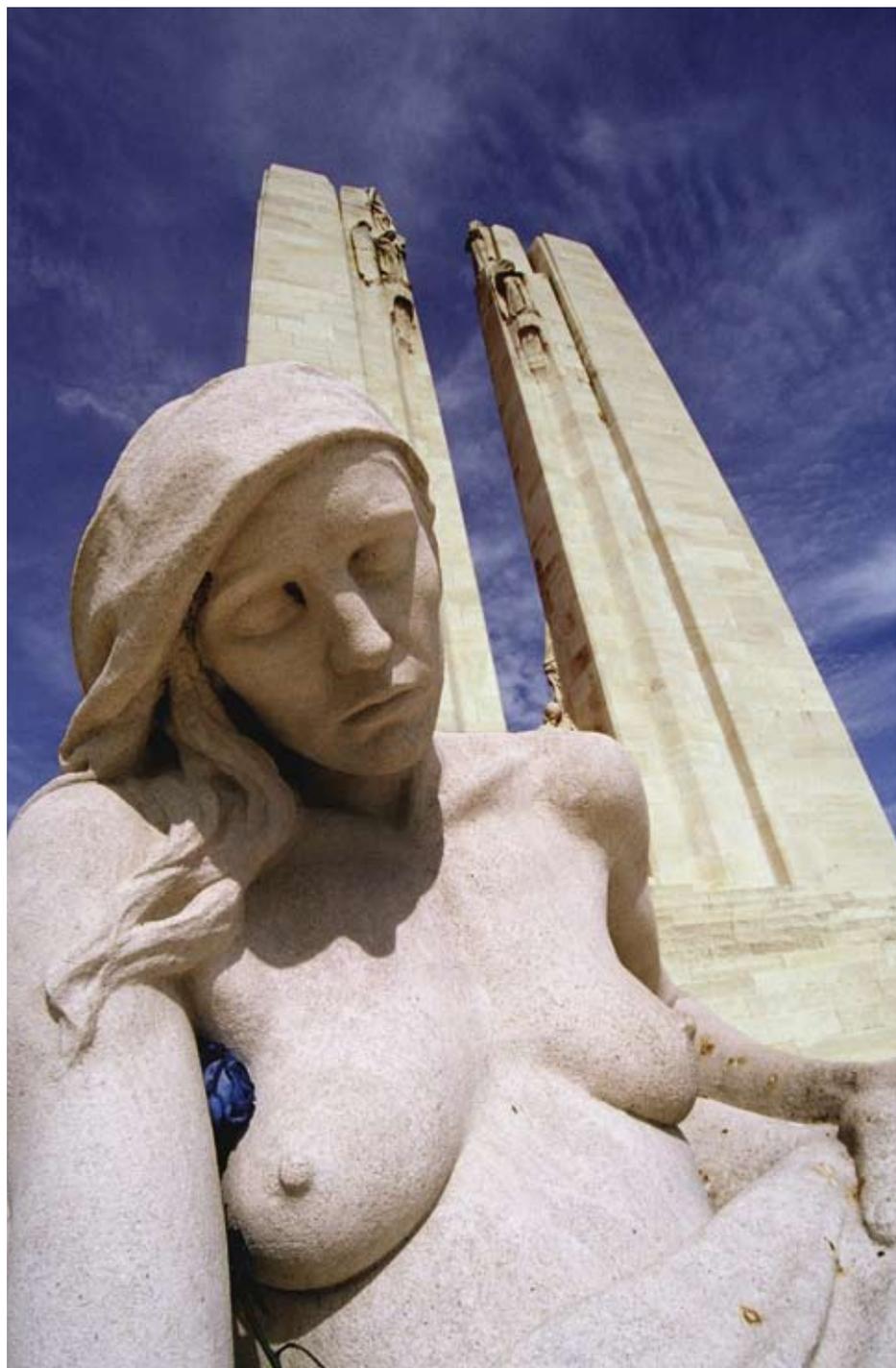
8 September to 20 September 2008
Collège Jean Jaurès, Lens

3 to 17 November 2008
Town Library, Vimy

15 September to 30 September 2008
Collège du Bellimont, Pernes en Artois

This exhibition is on loan from the Departmental archives.
Further information from Lydia Huguet
00 33 (0)3 21 21 61 93

30 October to 14 November 2008
Lycée Pierre de Coubertin, Calais



“The 14-18 War” (« La guerre 14-18 »)

4 to 10 October 2008

Exhibition at the library organized by the Jules Verne Primary School

Town Library, rue Charles Ferrand
Eleu-dit-Leauwete
open during normal library opening hours
00 33 (0)3 21 78 78 29

“Celebrating reading and remembering the 90th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice”

(« Lire en fête et la commémoration des 90 ans de l’armistice de 1918 »)

10 October 2008 to 11 November 2008

Exhibition organized by the Cercle Historique de Fouquières (Fouquières History Circle)

Cultural Centre – Jules Mousseron Library - 18 rue Pasteur, Fouquières-lez-Lens
9.00am to 12.00pm and 2.00pm to 6.00pm
00 33 (0)3 21 49 60 96
durand.benedicte@voila.fr

“Exhibitions as part of the French-Canadian and Native-American week” (« Exposition dans le cadre de la semaine franco-canadienne et amérindienne »)

17 to 26 October 2008

Research on Native American soldiers who died at the front in the Pas-de-Calais.

Town Library - Loos-en-Gohele
06 75 60 10 18 - araca62@aol.com

“Animals during the Great War” (« Les animaux dans la Grande Guerre ») **“Rumaucourt 1914 - 1918” (« Rumaucourt aussi en 14-18 »)**

18 October to 15 November 2008

RUMAUCOURT Town Hall

Enlargements of a variety of postcards, photographs and documents, showing the role and importance of animals in a global conflict. Other documents illustrate life in a small anonymous village close to the front

Town Hall - RUMAUCOURT
Tuesday and Thursday; 9.00am to 12.00pm; Wednesday to Friday; de 9.00am to 12.00pm and 2.00pm to 6.00pm, Saturday 9.00am to 12.30pm
phar62860@orange.fr
00 33 (0)3 21 59 50 35 or 00 33 (0)6 84 17 11 71

“80th anniversary of the Armistice”

(« 80ème anniversaire de l’Armistice »)

8 to 12 November 2008 and 16 November 2008

“The year 1918: Harnes’ involvement at key moments in the war; deaths in the Commune etc.”

Museum of History and Archaeology

50 rue André Deprez - Harnes

10.00am to 12.00pm and 3.00pm to 6.00pm

Free of charge

00 33 (0)3 21 49 02 29 - yves-defasque@wanadoo.fr

“Photographs of the Great War in the Pays de l’Alloeu”

(« Photographies de la Grande Guerre au Pays de l’Alloeu »)

8 to 12 November 2008

Salon Montmorency, near the Salle des Fêtes

Laventie

8, 9, 11 and 12 November: 10.00am to 7.00pm; 11 November: 5.30pm to 7.30 pm.

The Association “Alloeu, Terre de Batailles 14-18” (L’Alloeu, Battleground 14-18)

00 33 (0)3 21 66 21 36

“The life of soldiers in the trenches”

(«La vie des combattants dans les tranchées »)

8 to 11 November 2008

Presentation of photographs and objects from the war by the Association Alciaquoise de Recherches Historiques (Auchy Historical Research Association) at Auchy-les-Mines.

Salle polyvalente - Richebourg

10.00am to 6.00pm

Association “Mémoire and Traditions en Bas-Pays” (Memories and Traditions in the Lowlands)

00 33 (0)3 21 26 07 19 or 00 33 (0)3 21 26 05 98

“Exhibition of Life in Noeux-les-Mines 1914-1918”

(« Exposition de la Vie Noeuxoise 1914-1918 »)

10 to 20 November 2008

Life in Noeux-les-Mines between 1914 and 1918: shops, schools, municipal life, entertainment, industries, sport, bombing raids, etc.

Public readings of letters from the French soldiers (Poilus), songs by schoolchildren, lectures and more, accompany the exhibition.

Room Mendès France - Brassens Cultural Centre - Noeux-les-Mines

The Association “Nœux Mémoire”

00 33 (0)3 21 66 97 22

“Tilloy 1914-1918: the gradual destruction of a village”

(« Tilloy 1914-1918 lente destruction d'un village »)

Tuesday 11 November 2008

This exhibition shows a village before the 1914-1918 war that was completely devastated during the fighting – just one example among hundreds.

Manoir, Parc René Lefrère - Tiloy-les-Mofflaines

9.00am to 6.00pm

Mrs Pelletier-Wilkins - 00 33 (0)3 21 55 49 57

“Poilus (French soldiers) from Lumbres who died during the Great War”

(« Les Poilus lumbrois morts pendant la Grande Guerre »)

9 to 15 November 2008

Open to the general public and to schools

Room Jean Baptiste Lebas - Lumbres

00 33 (0)3 21 39 61 18

“The soldiers of Heuringhem”

(« Les soldats d'Heuringhem »)

Saturday 15 November 2008; 3.00pm à 7.00pm

Sunday 16 November; 10.00am à 6.00pm

The soldiers' photographs, stories, genealogy, papers and medals; war literature (documents from the period, books written at the time of the Great War); and miniatures (lead soldiers, etc.)

Salle communale - Heuringhem

00 33 (0)3 21 38 50 36

“cornflowers”

(Les Bleuets)

du 3 au 17 novembre 2008

Exhibition at the National Office of the Anciens Combattants (War Veterans).

“1914-1918, the Pas-de-Calais at war: experiences of the extreme”

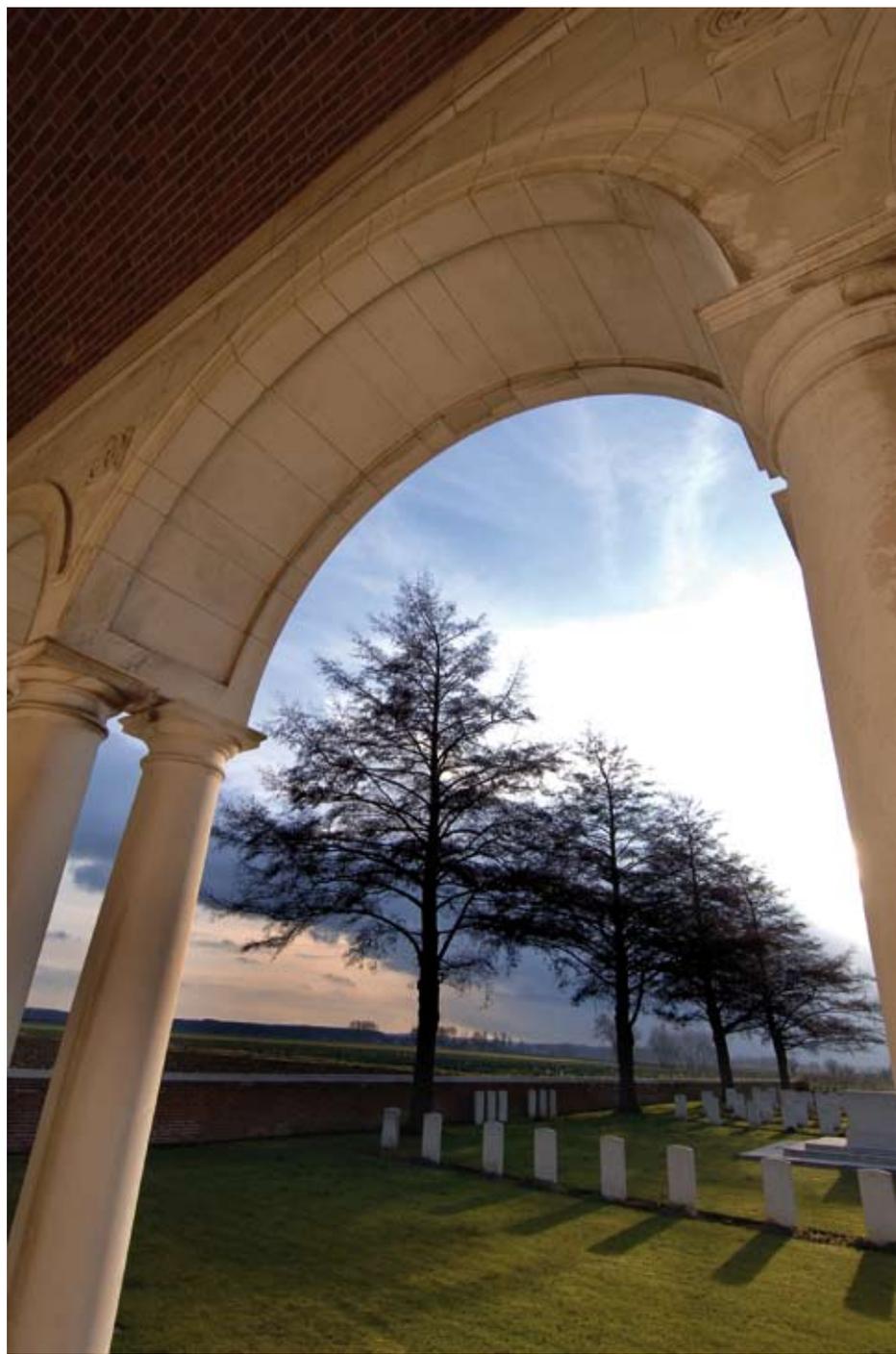
« 1914-1918, le Pas-de-Calais en guerre: les gammes de l'extrême »

3 to 17 November 2008

Exhibition from the Pas-de-Calais Departmental Archives

Espace Jacques Prévert, Rue Lamartine - Vimy

00 33 (0)3 21 22 09 24





Paths of memory

“Military cemeteries and their diversity”

(« La diversité des cimetières militaires »)

Two-hour coach trip.

Discover the different tributes paid to the soldiers according to their nation of origin – visit the French cemetery of Notre-Dame-de-Lorette, then on to the German cemetery of Neuville-Saint-Vaast via the British cemetery of Cabaret Rouge de Souchez.

Leave from and return to the European Peace Centre (Centre Européen de la Paix),
100, rue Pasteur - Souchez

Saturday 20 September 2008; 3.00pm, Sunday 21 September 2008; 3.00pm,
Sunday 5 October 2008; 3.00pm, Tuesday 11 November 2008; 3.00pm.

Contact: Tourist Office at Lens Liévin
26, rue de la paix - Lens
info@tourisme-lenslievin.fr
00 33 (0)3 21 67 66 66





and remembrance

“Battles and literature in the history of Notre-Dame-de-Lorette”

(« Notre-Dame-de-Lorette à travers ses combats et la littérature »)

Sunday 12 and 26 October, and Tuesday 11 November 2008, 2.30pm.

Length 6 km: nearly 3 hours. Pedestrian route led by a local-history enthusiast, with literary pauses. Texts from German, French and British writers, read by a professional actor, help us to comprehend the scale of the battles that took place. French speaking tour.

Free of charge
Mémoires d'Artois: 00 33 (0)3 21 44 07 04
contact@memoire-artois.fr

“Harnes, 1914-1918: where destinies cross”

(« Harnes, 1914-1918: Destins croisés »)

Sunday 9 November 2008; 10.00am, Tuesday 11 November 2008; 2.30pm,
Saturday 15 November 2008; 2.30pm.

Pedestrian circuit (2½ hours).

Leave from the Grand Place in Harnes and return to the Musée d'Histoire et d'Archéologie (History and Archaeology Museum)

- 50, rue André Déprez , Harnes.

Discover Harnes during the First World War. The town was behind the front line, and its civil and military inhabitants lived there together for over three years. From the town centre to the Musée d'Histoire et d'Archéologie, from the monuments displayed to the objects exhibited in the museum, you will unravel the lives that crossed at Harnes between 1914 and 1918.

with the participation of the Musée d'Histoire et d'Archéologie at Harnes
Contact: Tourist Office at Lens Liévin
26, rue de la paix
Lens
info@tourisme-lenslievin.fr
00 33 (0)3 21 67 66 66

“Traditional Remembrance Vigil”

(«Traditionnelle veillée du Souvenir »)

Monday 10 November 2008, 7am

7.00pm: Official welcome at the cemetery’s main entrance.

7.10pm: Re-kindling the flame of remembrance: ceremony on the Esplanade.

7.30pm: Remembrance Vigil in the basilica.

National Military Cemetery of Notre-Dame-de-Lorette
Ablain-Saint-Nazaire

Association du Monument de Notre-Dame-de-Lorette
et de la Garde d’Honneur de l’Ossuaire

00 33 (0)3 21 29 30 62

“Flowers of Remembrance” («A fleurs de Mémoire»)

A carpet of cornflowers and poppies along the Departmental road that climbs up to the site of Notre-Dame-de-Lorette. (Thanks to the kind collaboration of landowners and farmers.)

Association Campagnes vivantes
Cité de l’Agriculture

54-56 avenue R. Salengro
Saint-Laurent-Blangy

00 33 (0)3 21 60 57 94



Commemorations that will take place on 11 November 2008 are not included in this document. Each Commune in the Pas-de-Calais will honour its dead in the Great War, and we invite you to the ceremonies, alongside elected representatives, veterans and descendants of soldiers in our territory.





The main remembrance

Museums of the Great War

Musée d'Histoire et d'Archéologie
50 rue André DEPREZ - HARNES
00 33 (0)3 21 49 02 29

Local history during the two World Wars, exhibition on deportation. Very fine archaeological collection.

Open on Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.00pm and from 3.00pm to 6.00pm;
on Saturday from 3.00pm to 6.00pm

Musée vivant 14-18
Hill of Notre-Dame-de-Lorette - ABLAIN-SAINT-NAZAIRE
00 33 (0)3 21 45 15 80

2,000 items in the collection. Reconstructions of underground shelters with bilingual laser animation. Visits to the trenches outside the museum.

Open every day from 3.00pm to 8.00pm

Musée Alexandre Villedieu
Hôtel de Ville (Town Hall) - LOOS-EN-GOHELLE

Exhibition of military archaeology from the period 1914-1918.

Visit to an underground shelter dug by the British Army in 1917.

Town-Hall opening hours 00 33 (0)3 21 69 88 77. For groups: 00 33 (0)6 09 46 48 65
www.carriere-wellington.com

Musée Militaire (Military Museum) at La Targette
45 route nationale - NEUVILLE-SAINT-VAAST
00 33 (0)3 21 59 17 76

Exhibition of a collection of over 4,500 items from the First World War, including posters, weapons and uniforms, etc.

Open every day from 9.00am to 8.00pm

Centre d'Interprétation Historique (Centre for Historical Interpretation),
Park and Canadian Memorial - VIMY
00 33 (0)3 21 50 68 68

Re-creation of the battles fought by Canadian soldiers during the assault on Vimy Ridge in 1917.

Tributes paid to the 11,000 Canadian soldiers who died during the conflict

Open every day from 10.00am to 6.00pm
www.carriere-wellington.com



sites and associations

Musée Jean Letaille (private museum)
1 rue d'Arras - BULLECOURT
00 33 (0)3 21 48 92 46

Documents and items, mostly Australian, associated with the First World War.

Open every day by appointment

The Wellington Quarry

Memorial to the Battle of Arras, 9 April 1917
Life underground for the Commonwealth Armies.

Discover the preparations for the Battle of Arras (April 1917), when more than 20,000 soldiers gathered underground to launch the largest surprise attack of the First World War.

During the First World War, Arras was destroyed in 1914, but under its streets are impressive chalk quarries, excavated from the Middle Ages onwards. In November 1916, the Allies started preparations for a diversionary operation before the attack on the Chemin des Dames. They had the ingenious idea of using New Zealand tunnellers to link the quarries, thus creating a honeycomb of underground quarters that could accommodate up to 24,000 soldiers underground during the run-up to an offensive.

The Wellington Quarry has been designed as a remembrance site. On the surface, there is a memorial garden and a memorial wall that honours the memory of the First, Third and Fifth Regiments of the British Army who were involved in the Battle of Arras.

Rue Delétoile
ARRAS

Open every day from 10.00am to 12.30pm and from 1.30pm to 6.00pm
Information from the Tourist Office: 00 33 (0)3 21 51 26 95
www.carriere-wellington.com

“Tour of the battlefields in Artois” (« Le circuit des champs de bataille de l’Artois »)

The Battle of Arras

Discover the remembrance sites and the history of the battles in Artois, particularly the Battle of Arras - Monchy-le-Preux, Vimy and the British cemetery at Faubourg d’Amiens - accompanied by a tour guide.

Bilingual visit in French and English.

Leave from the Tourist Office at Arras
From 5 April to 27 September 2008
Every Saturday from 2.00pm to 6.00pm
Entrance: € 38.00, under 12 years: € 20.00
00 33 (0)3 21 51 26 95 / www.ot-arras.fr

The “La Canadienne” shuttle)* (La navette « La Canadienne »)

Arras-Vimy-Arras*

On leaving Arras, the shuttle takes you to the Canadian memorial park at Vimy, where on arrival, you can visit the tunnels. You will then be free to discover the trenches, the interpretation area and also the monument, restored in 2007.

From 3 April to 26 September 2008

Every Thursday and Friday

Entrance: € 19.50

under 12: € 9.50

Leave from Arras: 2.00pm

Return to the departure point at Vimy: 4.30pm

* Return trip only

Information and booking at the Tourist Office in Arras

00 33 (0)3 21 51 26 95 / www.ot-arras.fr

Monument to the Dover Patrol (Dover Patrol: Monument à la Patrouille de Douvres)

This monument at the summit of Cap-Blanc-Nez honours the French and British soldiers who defended the waters of the Pas-de-Calais straits during the First World War. These straits (known in Britain as the Straits of Dover) were the passage for the Allied supply lines, and thus highly important strategically. The Dover Patrol was responsible for the straits’ surveillance and protection.

An identical obelisk stands on the other side of the straits on the English coast at Saint Margaret at Cliffe.

The original monument was destroyed by the German Army during the Second World War. It was rebuilt and inaugurated in 1962.



Between June and September 2007, with finance from the Department of the Pas-de-Calais, the monument was restored as part of the Grand Site operation (the redevelopment of the site around the two capes).

Association of the Gardes d'Honneur (Guards of Honour) of the ossuary of Notre-Dame de Lorette

The Association was founded in 1925, and now has 3,600 members in 22 groups in different Communes in the Pas-de-Calais. Men of all ages and from all backgrounds preserve the memory of those who died for France, and particularly of those who fell in the fighting in Artois during the First World War

M. Michel HAUTE, President
Notre Dame de Lorette
ABLAIN-SAINT-NAZAIRE
00 33 (0)3 21 29 30 62

“Flames of Remembrance” (« Flamme de la Mémoire »)

The Association invites local people to light a candle, either near the Monument to the fallen, or on the windowsills of houses, on the night of 10 - 11 November 2008. In 2007, 450 Communes in the Pas-de-Calais took part in this event.

Association Souvenance (Association for Commemoration)
149 Avenue du Maine
PARIS
00 33 (0)1 45 45 54 52

Departmental Service of the National Office for War Veterans and Victims (Anciens Combattants et Victimes de Guerre Service Départemental de l'Office National)

The public institution responsible for looking after veterans' and victims' material and moral interests, and for transmitting to coming generations the duty of Remembrance, as encapsulated in its motto, "Mémoire et Solidarité" (Memory and Solidarity).

M. Lucas MARTINEZ, Representative
8 rue Général Barbot
ARRAS
00 33 (0)3 21 71 58 26

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Commission maintains the tombs of members of Commonwealth forces killed during the two World Wars, builds monuments to the memory of those who have unknown graves and keeps the archives and the registers.

Mrs Jones
Rue Angèle Richard
BEAURAINS
www.cwgc.org

Vauthier Demarcation Stones (Les Bornes Vauthier)

There are 12 such stones in the Département of the Pas-de-Calais.

After the War, the French "Touring Club" undertook to mark the front line with granite monuments.

The stones are all different and were erected between 1921 and 1927, at points from the North Sea to the Swiss frontier where particular routes crossed the front line, as it was on 18 July 1918.

They bear the name of the French designer and sculptor, Paul Moreau-Vauthier Association « Mémoires de Guerre ARRAS-ARTOIS »

9, rue des Trois Visages
62000 ARRAS
00 33(0)3 21 07 57 68

The cemeteries

There are almost 600 military cemeteries in the Nord/Pas-de-Calais region. The sites bear continuing witness to the tragic events in the region during the First and Second World Wars.

We cannot list here all the cemeteries in the Pas-de-Calais, so to indicate the origin of all the soldiers who died on our lands, we have decided to list one cemetery per nation.

France

National necropolis of Notre-Dame-de-Lorette

ABLAIN-SAINT-NAZAIRE

Immediately after the conflict, the French State created what was to be the largest national necropolis on the plateau of Notre Dame de Lorette. Twenty thousand individual tombs were built, and the bodies of 22,970 other soldiers were placed in seven ossuaries.

Commonwealth Forces

Etaples Military Cemetery

ETAPLES - RD 940

The Imperial British Army built hospitals to care for the wounded from the front around the military camp at Etaples. 10,773 of the wounded died of their injuries and are buried here, in the largest cemetery for Commonwealth Forces in France.

Germany

German military cemetery at Saint-Laurent-Blangy

SAINT-LAURENT-BLANGY - RD 919

After the fighting, the German military cemeteries were grouped into huge necropolises, such as the one at Saint-Laurent-Blangy. Almost 32,000 soldiers are buried here, 24,870 of them in a common grave. The way the site is constructed reflects the important place that nature has in German mythology.

Australia

Australian memorial at Bullecourt

BULLECOURT – rue de Douai

By 10 April 1917, when the Battle of Arras had been in progress for one day, Australian soldiers left to attack the German lines at Bullecourt. A second offensive was launched on 3 May. The statue of the Digger is a tribute to the 10,000 Australian soldiers who fell during these operations.

New-Zealand

New-Zealand Memorial – Grévillers British Cemetery

GRÉVILLERS – RD 29

This memorial was erected in memory of the New Zealand soldiers reported missing during the “100-Day Offensive” in the summer of 1918, which enabled the Allied armies to cross the German lines and liberate occupied territory.

South Africa

Warlencourt British Cemetery
On the D929 towards Pozières
WARLENCOURT-EAUCOURT

South-African troops arrived in France in spring 1916, and took part in a number of operations during the Battle of the Somme. In particular, 128 South-African soldiers lost their lives when taking the Butte of Warlencourt and Eaucourt l'Abbaye. Today they rest in the cemetery.

Canada

Canadian National History site at Vimy Ridge - VIMY

On 9 April 1917, Canadian soldiers, united for the first time in a single army corps, took part in the Battle of Arras and succeeded in taking Vimy Ridge, strongly defended by the German Army. The memorial recalls this key episode in the history of the Canadian Nation, and pays tribute to the 11,285 Canadian soldiers reported missing during the First World War..

Wimereux Communal Cemetery

Amongst the soldiers buried in Wimereux is Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae the author of «In Flanders Fields» (1915) on whose Memorial Seat you can read an excerpt of the most famous poem about World War I:

“We are the dead. Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders fields”

India

Neuve-Chapelle Indian Memorial,
Intersection of the D947 and the D171
RICHEBOURG L'AVOUÉ

The first Indian troops in the Imperial British Army arrived in France in October 1914. They were first stationed in Flanders and took part in the Battle of Neuve Chapelle in March 1915. This memorial is to their role in France and in Belgium during the Great War.

Portugal

Portuguese Military Cemetery at Neuve Chapelle
Intersection of the RD 947 and the RD 171
RICHEBOURG L'AVOUÉ

The new Republic of Portugal showed its support for France and Great Britain by sending around 56,000 soldiers to join the Allied Armies. Stationed in Flanders, the Portuguese soldiers suffered the full brunt of the offensive launched by the German Army in March 1918 in the La Lys valley.

Belgium

Belgian Military Square at the Communal Cemetery at Calais

Boulevard de l'Égalité - CALAIS

Belgium was almost entirely occupied by the German Army in 1914. Only the area between Ypres and Nieupoort remained free. The Belgian Army was assigned to defend the front at the Yser, and set up bases in the Nord-Pas de Calais.

China

St. Etienne-au-Mont Communal Cemetery

ST. ETIENNE-AU-MONT Communal Cemetery – RD 940

From 1916 onwards, the British Army recruited Chinese peasants for logistical tasks in its camps in France. At the end of the fighting, men from the Chinese Labour Corps were involved in minesweeping the land and burying soldiers who had died on the battlefield.

Czechoslovakia

Czechoslovak Military Cemetery and the “Nazdar” Company Memorial

NEUVILE SAINT-VAAST – D937 towards Souchez

The memorial pays tribute to Czechoslovak emigrants in Paris who enlisted in the Foreign Legion, where they formed the “Nazdar” Company to uphold the concept of a Czechoslovakia freed from the dominion of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Poland

Polish Memorial

NEUVILE SAINT -VAAST – RD 937 towards Souchez

In 1914, the German, Austro-Hungarian and Russian Empires divided Polish territory among themselves. When war broke out, Polish emigrants enlisted alongside soldiers in the French Army, hoping to see the rebirth of an independent Poland. The monument bears the words of these volunteers: “Za nasza wolnosc i wasza” (For our freedom and yours).

“Remembrance Trails” (« Les Chemins de Mémoire »)

The region’s special and unique cultural heritage prompted « les Chemins de mémoire » (“Remembrance Trails”) for 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. Different routes are designed to pay tribute to the men and women, some of them from very far off, whose commitment is remembered by the region, the nation and the world.

The sites listed here are stages in the four « Chemins de la Grande Guerre en Nord-Pas de Calais » (“Remembrance Trails of the Great War in the Nord-Pas de Calais”)

More information on www.northernfrance-tourism.com

Under: Giants and Men / Culture and heritage / Wartime memories

Or type: “Remembrance” in the search engine.



Contacts and Resources

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The Information and Documentation Department

Information and Documentary Resources Centre, open to the public.

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The Departmental archives are split between two sites

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The Departmental Council has approved the following events on the theme of the Great War:

“L’ami bidasse” (The soldier and friend) by the Company Les Anonymes TP

“Cœur de tranchée” (Deep in the trench) by the Théâtre à Suivre

“Mémoire d’un rat” (Memory of a rat) by the Company Une Fois Dans Mes Rêves

“Bleu Sombre Horizon” (Dark blue horizon) by the Company La Tripe du Bœuf

“Carnet Sublime” (Heavenly notebook) by the Compagnie du Scénographe

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Web sites

Pas-de-Calais Tourist Board : www.pas-de-calais.com

Pas-de-Calais Departmental Council: pasdecalais.fr

Site of the 90th anniversary of the Great War: grandeguerre.pasdecalais.fr

La Coupole, Nord/Pas-de-Calais History and Memorial Centre:

www.lacoupole-france.com

Communauté d'Agglomération (Urban Community) of Lens Liévin:

www.communaupole-lenslievin.fr

National Office of the Anciens Combattants (War Veterans): www.defense.gouv.fr

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