



Research workshop

Passchendaele Archives

This workshop is based on the "Passchendaele Archives", a project of the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 that tries to give the many names in the cemeteries and monuments a story and a face.

To make a visit to CWGC Tyne Cot Cemetery tangible for students, during this workshop they conduct their own research in the education room of the MMP1917 starting with a photo, name and date of death. They try to reconstruct and map what happened on the fatal day of "their" fallen soldier. After the workshop, students can find the grave or memorial of the soldier at CWGC Tyne Cot Cemetery. They now possess a personal story behind the endless rows of names, in the cemetery.

This bundle provides practical information about this educational package that enriches a classroom visit to the museum and Tyne Cot Cemetery.

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Connection with curricula:

The Passchendaele Archives research workshop and the accompanying educational package mainly focus on the following subjects:

- History, in particular WWI (theme)
- English (source material)

The content of this package is consistent with multiple history program curricula. It places personal stories related to WWI in a wider context as the full educational package interfaces with ideas, imperialism, norms and values that were present in the wider 19th and early 20th century British Empire. In addition, mathematics and geography skills are also used the workshop, giving it a multidisciplinary approach.

Practical information:

- ➔ Location: **Villa Zonedaele** next tot he museum, Berten Pilstraat 5C, 8980 Zonnebeke.
- ➔ **Max. 50 students per session** (max. capacity of our education room).
- ➔ The workshop lasts 1h to 1h30, depending on your program. This does not include the visit to CWGC Tyne Cot Cemetery.
- ➔ Target group: **key stages that include WWI in their history program and are able to understand the used source material** (+ 14 years)
- ➔ Rates: passchendaele.be/Education
- ➔ A **combination** with the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 and Tyne Cot Cemetery is **strongly recommended** but is not mandatory.
 - *The museum focuses on experience with a recreated deep dugout and trenches. Historical objects, uniforms, video fragments... give students insight into the life of soldiers on and behind the battlefields and specifically the Battle of Passchendaele.*
 - *Tyne Cot Cemetery is the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the world by numbers. In addition to 11,956 graves, the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing contains 35,000 names of soldiers without a known grave.*
 - *Rates museum and guides: passchendaele.be. Access to Tyne Cot Cemetery is free.*
- ➔ The workshop is given by our educational supervisors. However, we ask that at least 1 teacher remains with the group during the entire session.
- ➔ Group reservations (from 15 persons) are possible via our web shop **groepsreservatieszonnebeke.recreatex.be**. In case you are a new customer, you can 'log in as a new user'. In case you already are a client, you can request your account via booking@passchendaele.be.
- ➔ Once the reservation has been confirmed, the group leader will receive a **work bundle** that you can use in your class before and after your visit. The bundle also contains **correction keys**. It is recommended to introduce the workshop in class beforehand using the provided step-by-step guides.

Our museum team is also always available to work out an excursion specifically to your and the pupils needs. We are happy to share our experience in making battlefield tours with you. We also have a large, skilled pool of guides for different ages.

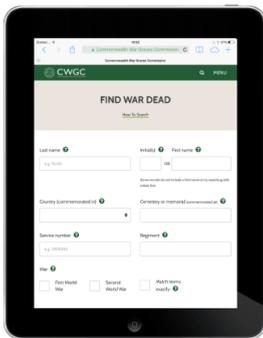
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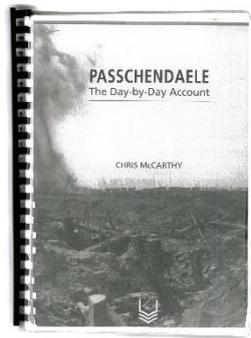
The research workshop:

How does the research workshop Passchendaele Archives work? The students may expect this:

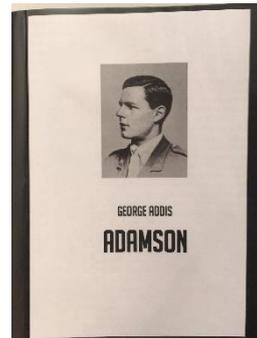
1. The students take place at the work tables in our educational room in groups of **2 to max. 3 people** (max. 17 groups of 3 people per session). Each table contains the **source material** with which they will use to research the story of "their" soldier:



Tablet with internet connection.



Copy of the book 'Passchendaele – the Day-by-Day Account'.



Information bundle with step-by-step guides, appendixes and sources.



Fill-in bundle with a 'trench map' and crayons.

2. Our educational supervisor will explain with a PowerPoint presentation to the students how to carry out their tasks. The research workshop consists of **three tasks**:

Task 1: identity card.

Using The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website an identity card that includes military and personal information is completed. On a plan, the grave or place of commemoration on Tyne Cot is marked. During this task, the tablet and the accompanying step-by-step guides in the information bundle are used.

Task 2: the fatal day.

The students reconstruct the day on which their soldier died. They use the book Passchendaele - The Day-by-Day Account, the accompanying step-by-step guide in the information bundle and the regimental history or War Diary of their fallen soldier's unit. Appendices in the information bundle provide more information about military terminology, among other things.

Task 3: create a map.

During the third and final task, a map about the fatal day is made. In addition to the fill-in bundle, each group has an A3 map, a detail of an original "trench map" used during the Battle of Passchendaele. Using the accompanying step-by-step plan in the information bundle, students are taught to read the British WWI coordinate system. This allows them to accurately determine locations, such as the place where a body was excavated after the war (if a soldier has a known grave).

Finally, students write down where today one can pay tribute to their fallen soldier. This is not the grave or memorial panel on Tyne Cot but the place where the person was killed or originally buried. The students can do this using their tablet and consulting Google Maps.

Our educational supervisors are available during the workshop to help students with questions.

3. **Afterwards, the students are allowed to take their fill-in bundle and map with them.** We ask to leave the other didactic material in the middle of their table. If necessary there is a blank space on the bundles to write down the name(s) of the group, the class and/or their class number.
4. It is **advisable to visit Tyne Cot Cemetery after the workshop.** If a guided visit was booked, the guide will focus on the names that were discussed during the workshop. In the work bundle you will also find information and practical tips to prepare for a visit to the cemetery if the visit is not guided.

The bundle also contains more information about a visit to Tyne Cot Cemetery with historical background about the site.

Personal records:

Our educational room in "Villa Zonnedaele", a minute's walk from the museum, we can accommodate up to 18 groups of 2 to 3 students. This means that in each session (with max. 50 students) up to 18 different personal stories can be handled.

- Our standard package of personal records contains 11 casualties with a grave on Tyne Cot Cemetery and 7 who are commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial:
 -  Eight British (two Scots, one Northern Irishman and a father and son who died on the same day);
 -  Four Canadians (of whom one emigrated from Belgium, one Scottish and one American who served under the Canadian flag);
 -  Three New Zealanders;
 -  Two Australians;
 -  One South African (a Briton who served under the South African flag).

In this way we want to emphasize the diversity of nationalities involved in the Battle of Passchendaele.

On the next page you will find an overview of these 18 soldiers.

- When a session consists of less than 36 students, not all 18 names can be used (min. 2 students per name).
 - In that case, indicate when booking how you prefer to divide the groups (= how many people files must be provided) and/or if you have a preference for certain personal stories.
 - Keep in mind that it is not possible to have one name treated by several, separate groups of students during the same session.
- ➔ Our museum team is always ready to tailor the distribution of personal files to suit your program.



George Addis ADAMSON
† 12 October 1917 



Arthur Heather AITKEN
† 4 October 1917 



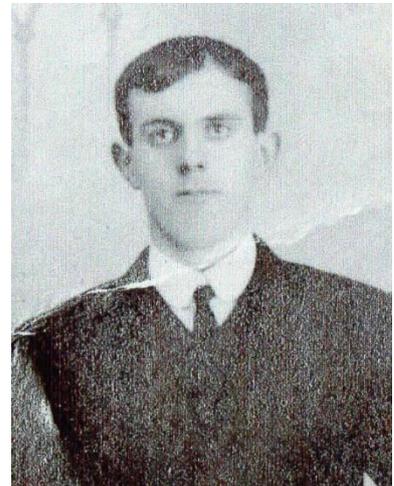
James Edward ANDERSON
† 20 September 1917 



Neville Henry ARDEN
† 4 October 1917 



John Nicholas CROWLEY
† 12 October 1917 



William Waterstone DICK
† 26 October 1917 



Edwin Patrick FITZGERALD
† 30 October 1917  



Edmund GRAY
† 16 August 1917 



William Daniel HOLBORNE
† 30 October 1917 



Clarence Smith JEFFRIES
† 12 October 1917 



Athol KITCHEN
† 12 October 1917 



Hugh MACINNES
† 30 October 1917 



Harry MOORHOUSE
† 9 October 1917 



Ronald W. MOORHOUSE
† 9 October 1917 



Frederick George NASH
† 16 August 1917 



William RHODES
† 31 July 1917 



Richard VERHAEGHE
† 30 October 1917 



James WILKINSON
† 20 September 1917 

In the area:

You can easily combine a visit to the museum with other sites in the area. The following locations and attractions are within walking distance or less than 10 minutes driving from our car park:

The museum is located in the **chateau grounds of Zonnebeke**, which is freely accessible. In the park there are eight Passchendaele Memorial Gardens, poppy-shaped gardens that serve as a memorial garden for countries that fought in this area (Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, France, Great Britain, Germany and Belgium).

The **Zonnebeke church tower** is located near the museum and is accessible free of charge. Group reservations (from 15 persons) are possible at 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm or 3:30 pm via booking@zonnebeke.be. In the tower with multiple floors, the exhibition 'Scarred Landscape' shows the evolution of the landscape in the Ypres area. On top, at a height of 40 meters, you can enjoy a panoramic view of Ypres, Passendale and the former battlefields of WWI.

CWGC Tyne Cot Cemetery is approximately a 5-minute drive from our museum. The site can also be reached on foot via The Road to Passchendaele, a traffic-free walk of approx. 3 km that passes a nearby **crypt with Belgian fallen soldiers**. With 11,956 graves, this is the largest Commonwealth War Graves cemetery in the world, a silent witness to the Battle of Passchendaele. A visitor centre (Vijfwegestraat, near the parking lot) provides more information about the cemetery itself and offers a panoramic view on the battlefields of 1917.

Polygon Wood is about three minutes driving from the museum and, like Tyne Cot, can be reached via a traffic-free trail. The spacious car park is within walking distance of CWGC Polygon Wood Cemetery and Buttes New British Cemetery.

