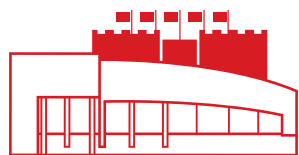


Centenary of the FIRST WORLD WAR

SOMME
BATTLEFIELD
TOURS
FOR GROUPS



The Historial Museum of the Great War in Péronne, made to understand History.

Internationally renowned, **the Historial in Péronne is a museum of compared history**, which interweaves German, French and British perspectives, through an exceptional exhibition of 70,000 civilian and military artefacts, works of art, original documents and archive films.

New and unique for the visitors, a collection of 50 etchings of the « *Der Krieg* » series by Otto Dix bears witness to the suffering and horror of this war.

A **major annual seasonal exhibition** completes the visit.

And on your group's arrival, **we always plan a special welcome in english**, with a global presentation of the 5 main exhibition rooms of the museum.



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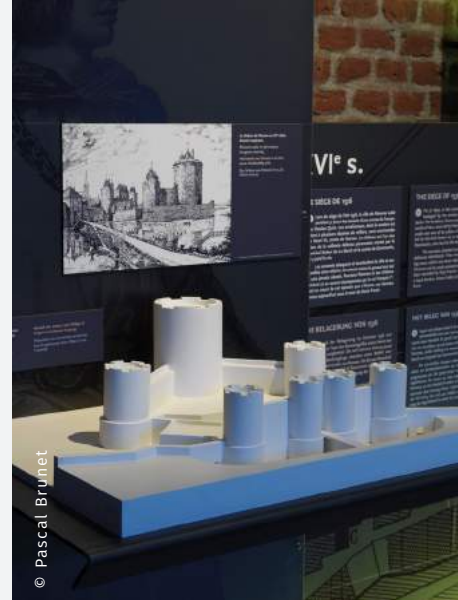
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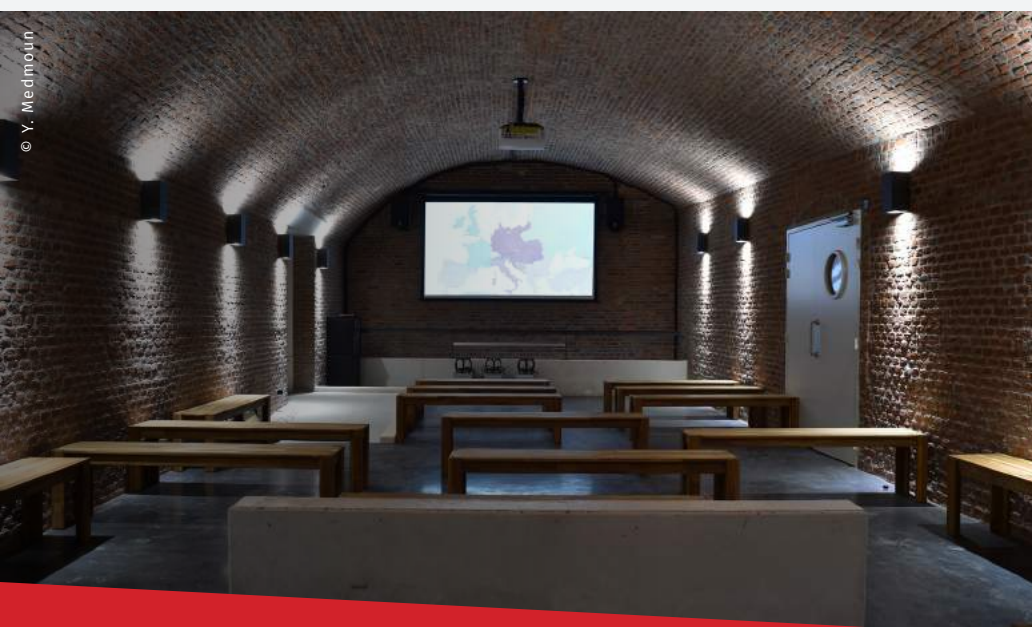
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In the medieval Guardrooms of the Historial, **3 new exhibition rooms explain the local history** and the battle of Péronne and Mont Saint Quentin where the Australian particularly distinguished themselves in 1918.



NEW The 14-18 Movie

At the entrance of the museum, the film which is broadcast **interweaves archive images and illustrated maps**, detailing how the Great War unfolded.

Duration : 20 minutes, available in english

And also :



Souvenirs and british books in the bookshop



Cocktails, packed lunches to take away, cold or hot drinks at the cafeteria of the museum

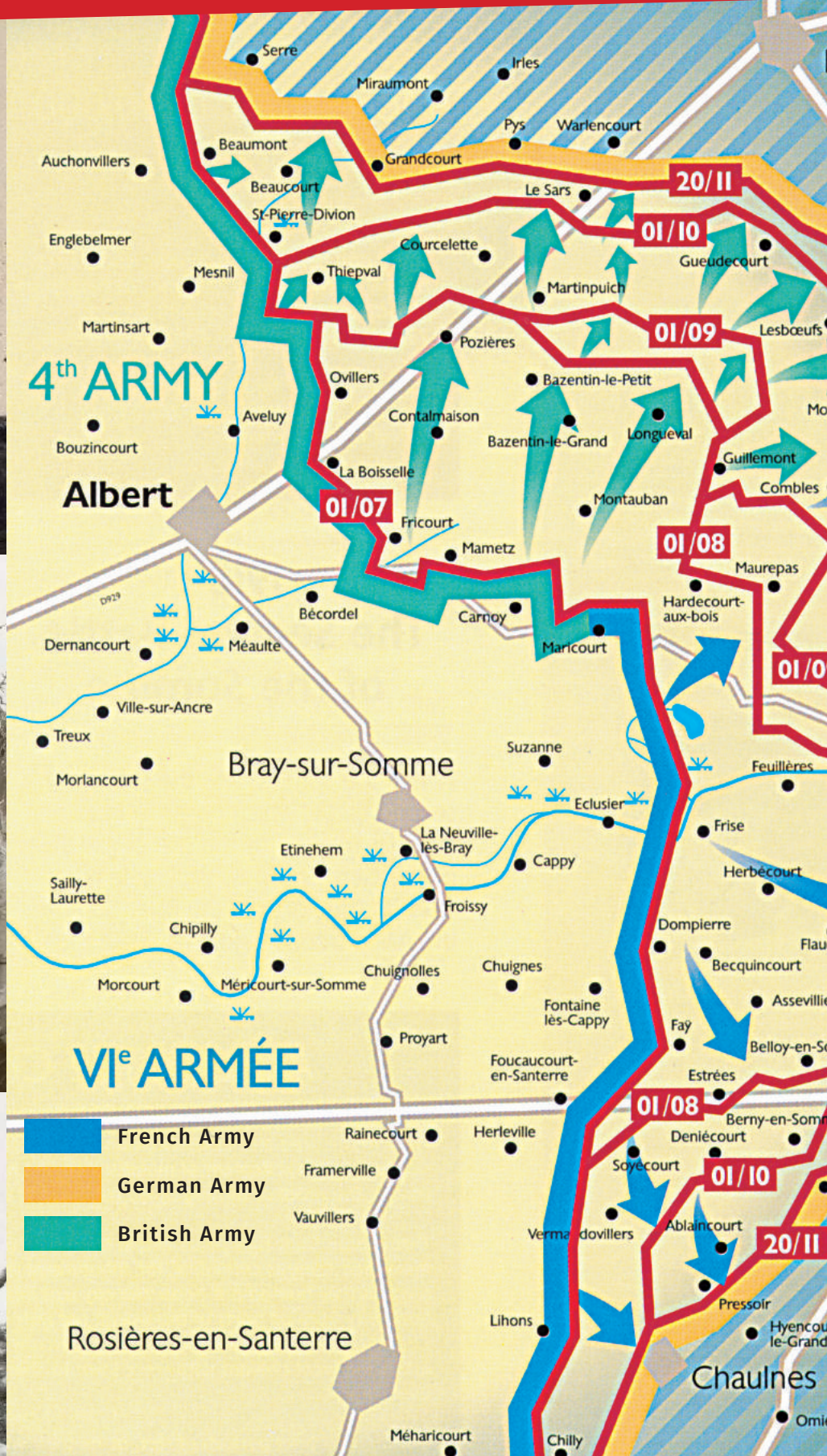
The Historial in Péronne can also help you by providing :

- a list of local « Battlefields Guides »
- complete lunches in our restaurant room (on booking)
- packed lunches in our cafeteria or to take away (on booking)
- English books about WW1 and souvenirs in the bookshop

July, 1st 1916 : the Somme

7.30 am

The Battle of the Somme was **the deadliest battle of the First World War** ; to the British it has become symbolical of the whole conflict. The British suffered their worst day in military history on the first day alone : **20 000 soldiers were killed in the space of just a few hours on July, 1st 1916**, decimated by German machine-gun fire.



The battlefields of the Somme

The Historial Museum in Péronne is an excellent starting point for the visit of the Remembrance Trail.



Lochnagar Crater at La Boisselle



Beaumont-Hamel : the Caribou and the trenches



Mametz Wood : The Welsh Dragon



Longueval : South African Memorial



Thiepval : Franco-British Memorial for the Missing



Thiepval : The Ulster Tower



Over 72000 names of Missing are engraved on the Memorial of Thiepval



The Commonwealth War Graves Commission maintains 410 British cemeteries in the Somme

Thiepval



The Thiepval Memorial :

Designed by Sir Edwin Luytens and inaugurated in 1932, **the Thiepval Memorial commemorates more than 72.000 men** from the British and South African army corps who were declared missing in the Somme between July 1915 and March 1918.

300 French soldiers and 300 soldiers from the Commonwealth lie at rest in the cemetery in front of the memorial.

Maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the memorial reminds visitors that the Battle of the Somme was one of the most deadliest battle of the Great War incurring 1.200.000 casualties from July, 1st to November, 18th 1916.

NEW

Opened
in 2016

THE THIEPVAL MUSEUM

Opened on 1 July 2016 by

M. François HOLLANDE, President of the French Republic
Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge
His Royal Highness The Prince Henry of Wales



Close to the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, the new Museum of Thiepval built in complement of the pre-existing Thiepval Visitor Centre is **devoted to the history of the Battle of the Somme and the memory of the Missing**.



Thiepval : A database created 10 years ago by Pam and Ken Linge offers at the visitors, the stories of almost 11.908 Missing.

The permanent exhibition of 400m² gathers museum pieces, archaeological artefacts, multimedia, and large-scale installations such as the replica of Charles Guynemer's aeroplane. The huge 60-metre long painted wall illustrated by Joe Sacco, opens an imaginary window onto July, 1st 1916 battlefield. The Museum of Thiepval is run by the Historial.



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Thiepval Museum : over 30 tons of non-exploded shells are collected every year in the Somme.

The panoramic wall painted by illustrator Joe Sacco depicts the harrowing day of July, 1st 1916, hour after hour. A vast display pit presents collection pieces and archaeological remains of the war and a « German Maxim machine gun » captured by a British regiment at Thiepval during the offensive.



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This machine-gun was captured on 26 September 1916 at Thiepval, probably by Lance Corporal Leonard Tovey of the 11th Battalion Royal Fusilliers, who was posted missing the same day, aged 19. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.



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Like a « chapel to the Missing », an intimate hall is dedicated to these men who went missing on the battlefields of the Somme.



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This large hall presents a life-size replica of the aeroplane belonging to Georges Guynemer and portraits of First World War aviators.

AND ALSO :

The Museum **provides facilities** (sandwiches and drinks to take away), and a wide choice of English books, posters of propaganda, post cards, films, magazines and souvenirs, and toilets,

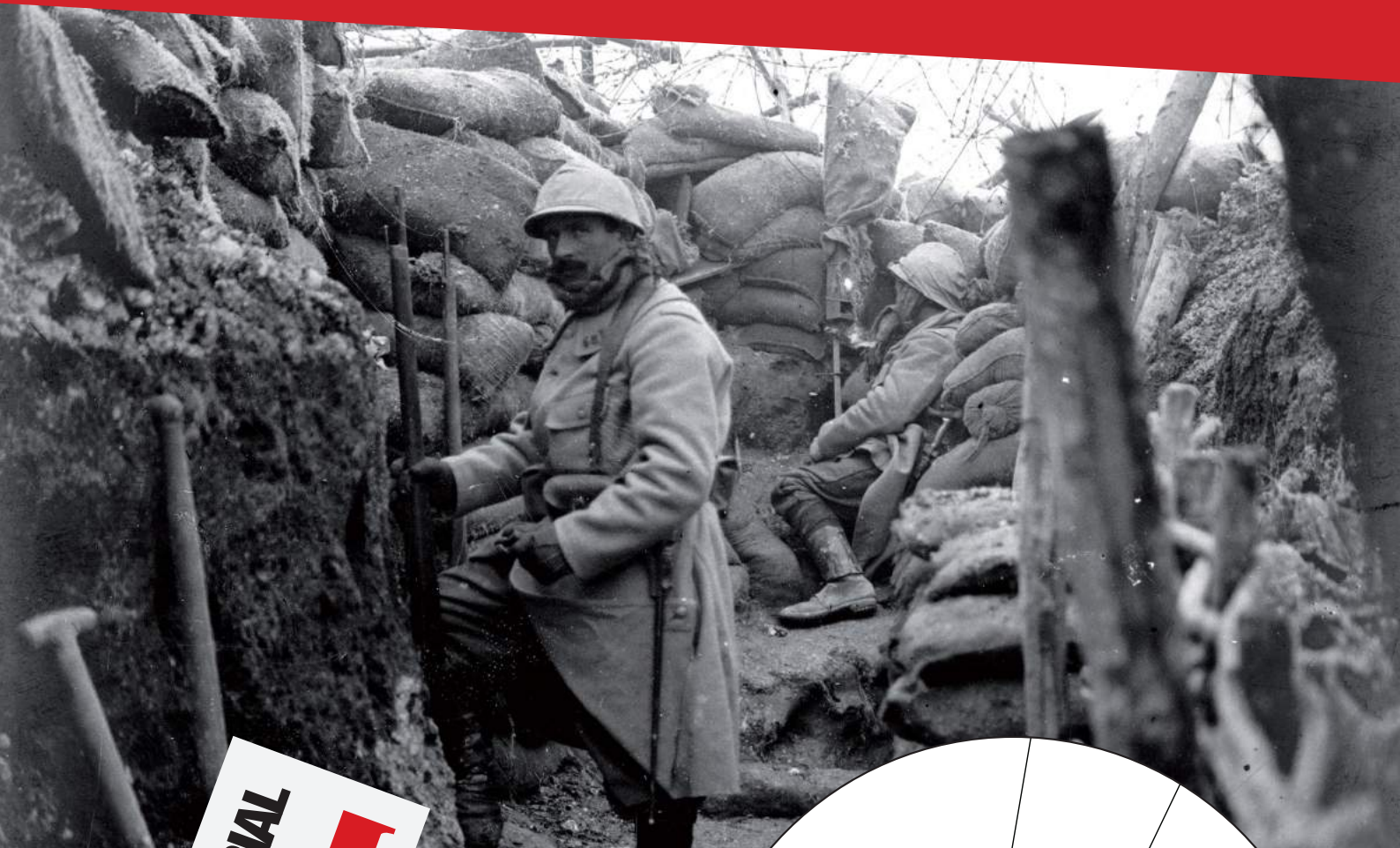
NEW // A permanent CWGC desk is being included in the refurbishment of the Thiepval Visitor Centre, opening in May 2016.



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THE HISTORIAL MUSEUM at Péronne and Thiepval,

A moving trip into history.



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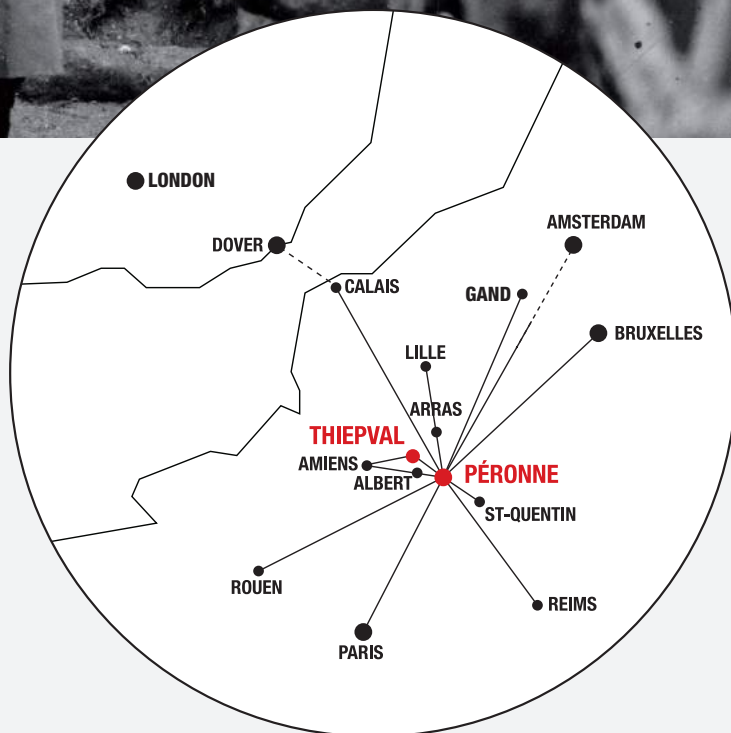
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FOR ADULTS GROUPS (2017-2018)

Historial Museum at Péronne 7 € (Students 4 €)
Historial Museum at Thiepval 4 € (Students 3 €)
Single ticket to visit both museum 8 € (Students 5 €)