Educational 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 more concrete and meaningful 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 “their” fallen soldier’s last day. After the workshop, students can find the soldier’s grave or memorial at CWGC Tyne Cot Cemetery, already in possession of a personal story behind the endless rows of names in the cemetery.

Here is some practical information about this educational package that will enrich 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 many history curricula. It places personal stories related to WWI in a wider context, as the full educational package interfaces with ideas, imperialist attitudes, norms and values that were integral to the wider nineteenth- and early twentieth-century British Empire. In addition, mathematical and geographical skills are exercised in the workshop, providing a multidisciplinary approach.

Practical information:

- ➔ Location: **Villa Zonnedaele** next to the museum, Berten Pilstraat 5C, 8980 Zonnebeke.
- ➔ **Max. 50 students per session** (max. capacity of our education room)**.**
- ➔ The workshop lasts between an hour and an hour and a half, depending on your programme. This does not include the visit to CWGC Tyne Cot Cemetery.
- ➔ Target group: **key stages that include WWI in their history curricula and are able to understand the source material** (14+ years)
- ➔ Rates: passchendaele.be/Education
- ➔ **Combination** with a visit to 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 and so on give students insight into the lives of soldiers on and behind the battlefields, and specifically the Battle of Passchendaele.*
  - *Tyne Cot Cemetery is the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the world. 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 one teacher remains with the group during the entire session.
- ➔ Group reservations (from 15 persons) are possible via our web shop **groepsreservatieszonnebeke.recreatex.be**. If you are new to the site, you can 'log in as a new user'. If you are already 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 step-by-step guides provided.

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

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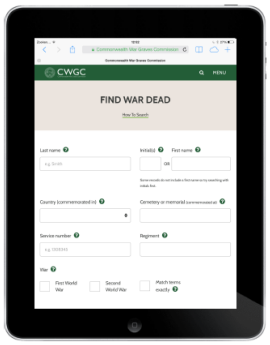
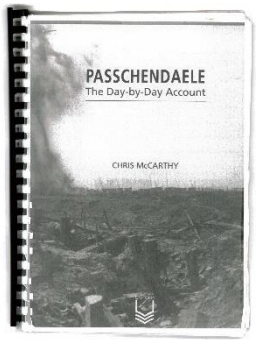
The research workshop:

How does the research workshop Passchendaele Archives work? This is what the students can expect:

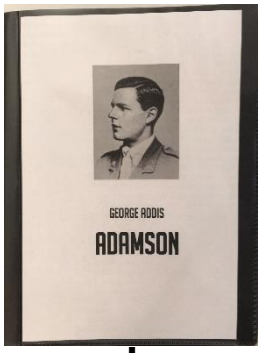
1. The students take their places at the work tables in our educational room in groups of **2 to max. 3 people** (max. 17 groups of 3 people per session). Each table has the **source material** they will use to research the story of "their" soldier:



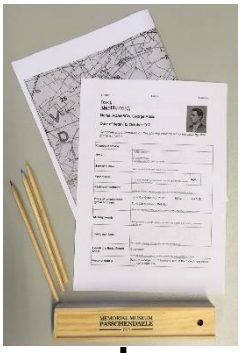
Tablet with internet connection.



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



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



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

2. Our educational supervisor will explain to the students, with a PowerPoint presentation, 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 fateful day.

The students reconstruct the day on which their soldier died. For this task 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, copied from 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 determine precise locations, such as the place where a body was excavated after the war (if a soldier has a known grave).

Finally, students note the spot where it is possible today to pay tribute to their fallen soldier. This is not the grave or memorial panel at Tyne Cot but the place where the person was killed or originally buried. The students can do this using their tablet and by 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 you to leave the other teaching materials in the middle of the 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 has been 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, 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 information about eleven casualties with a grave at Tyne Cot Cemetery and seven who are commemorated on the 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 was Scottish and one was an American who served under the Canadian flag);
  - Three New Zealanders;
  - Two Australians;
  - One South African (a Briton who served under the South African flag).

  These individuals were chosen 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 fewer 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 (i.e. how many files on individuals must be provided) and whether or not you have a preference for certain personal stories.
  - Keep in mind that it is not possible to have one name treated by several different groups of students during the same session.

  ➔ Our museum team is always ready to tailor the distribution of personal files to your programme.

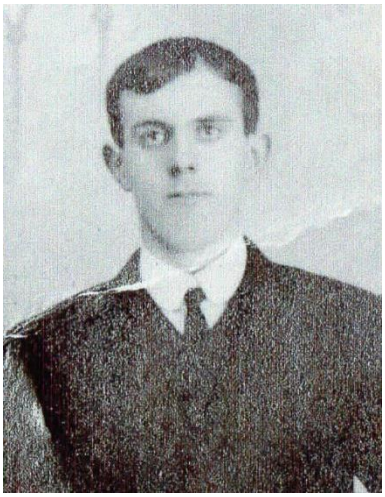
George Addis ADAMSON
† 12 October 1917

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 visits to other sites in the area. The following locations and attractions are within walking distance or less than 10 minutes' drive from our car park:

The museum is located in the **grounds of the Zonnebeke chateau**, which is freely accessible. In the park are eight Passchendaele Memorial Gardens, poppy-shaped gardens that serve as memorials 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 its multiple floors, the exhibition 'Scarred Landscape' shows the evolution of the landscape in the Ypres area. From the 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 5 minutes' 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 for fallen Belgian soldiers**. With 11,956 graves, Tyne Cot is the largest Commonwealth War Graves cemetery in the world, a silent witness to the Battle of Passchendaele. A Visitors Centre (Vijfwegestraat, near the car park) provides more information about the cemetery itself and offers a panoramic view of the battlefields of 1917.

Polygon Wood is about three minutes' drive 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.