

# A Storm in Flanders ★

The Ypres Salient, 1914–1918:

Tragedy and Triumph on  
the Western Front

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- 1917- ① German declaration of all out U-boat war  
 ② Entrance of U.S. into the war  
 ③ Russian revolution

Dec 1916 - Lloyd George becomes P.M. - clashes with Haig  
 What were the British tunnelling companies  
 20 main tunnels in salient  
 30 million trenches and artillery maps were printed  
 by British during war

Greatest single problem of the war: communication p 174  
 3000 soldiers sentenced to death by court-martials  
 343 at Ypres salient - mostly desertion -  
 shot by firing squads.

May Borden's hospital - story of the wounded coming to hospital  
 P 179

Poison gas p 184

Capt Geo. Patton p 195

## Who were the Tommies

p 202 - Story of Sgt. T. Berry - The tea from hole  
 with a dead Jerry and blood all around

British - fear of invasion - had no idea how savage  
 fighting was 40 miles across channel. - Took  
 men as short as 5' up to 50 years old.

homing pigeons -

Dec 25, 1914 - Christmas Serenades p 84

exchanged gifts - addresses

phosgene - 10x's Chlorine

Founding of Talbot House

Clay Picken  
 Hill 60  
 tunnelling -  
 Capt. Major  
 Jack Shephard  
 p 96

Chlorine gas  
 unarmoured suits  
 your hands  
 chief

Michelin Guide Grand Fat ~~pass~~

Civil War papers. Great great Grandfather - led to book  
Went to Vietnam - back in 68' - library in G. Town while  
journalist in WASD. - written for Americans  
1914-18 - 9 million died.

The Poppy

Execution of Edith Cavell - aiding Belgians  
British Red Cross

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Opening Battle Oct 19

Hitler was 25 yrs. old

Gen. Sir Douglas Haig  
Sir Herbert Charles  
General Plummer  
Commander of Second Army

Somme - 750,000 killed or  
wounded on both sides  
finished in late 1916 - early 17

CINC  
Western  
front

German commander Falkenhayn  
Kitchener Sec of War

Germany had 250 - Boats in 1915  
200 in 1917

Erich Ludendorff  
replaced Falkenhayn

US gets in 1917 - Zimmerman  
telegram - more German  
U-Boats on U.S. ships

Paul Von Hindenburg  
in his 70's - successful  
on Russian front - move to  
France

500,000 tons or more U-Boats  
sinking to bottom a month.

Gen. Joffre

Bryans - men marching  
toward battle would pass  
men building coffins and  
crosses.

General Sir John French

German general Robert Nivelle  
replaced gen. Joffre.

General Philippe Petain replaced  
Nivelle

Haig

Shell shock - 1915 - 1000's  
p 113

Friend General Ferdinand Foch

French commander Joseph Jacques Joffre

British

General Sir John French

Sir Douglas Haig

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Chateaux Generals - accusation was generally <sup>p201</sup>  
WWI 232 ~~total~~ Generals became casualties <sup>unfair</sup> 78 killed

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Men were teenagers - I want my mum p202  
read excerpt poem page 204

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What were the trenches

Official History - 48 volumes - not completed <sup>p228</sup>  
until 1948 - after WWII

Third battle of Ypres - defended Haig - official  
Historian General Sir James Edmond  
battle was necessary according to Haig to save French  
attention was down the Germans

July to end of 1917 -  
British casualties on Western Front 450,000  
add Messines - half a million  
Germans 270,000

Gen. Edmonds downgraded figures - reversed  
German blame Flanders for defeat in the war  
Haig not visit battlefields in 1917

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German great offensive of 1918  
allies suffered 116,000 casualties  
Germans 109,000

Official History British line did not break

Fourth Battle of Ypres -  
Hitler was sent there