

# Surgery and Treatment on the Western Front: The Somme

For those studying Pearson Edexcel's GCSE History Option 11: The British Sector of the Western Front 1914-18: Injuries, Treatment and the Trenches, Anglia is delighted to offer a tour which provides an engaging and relevant introduction to the warfare context and historical environment of Medicine on the Western Front. This tour will bring the topic alive for students, helping them to visualise the more physical problems of the environment in a way which a text book cannot.

## **Lochnagar Crater**

The Battle of the Somme. The development of Kitchener's Army; Outline of the plan for 1 July 1916; mine warfare in the Great War; the build-up to Zero Hour.

#### **Sunken Lane**

Attack of 1st Lancashire Fusiliers; casualty rates and battlefield wounds; medical treatment on the battlefield; How were casualties moved and where to?

#### **Newfoundland Memorial Park**

Medical context: health and hygiene in the trenches; comparison between battlefield casualties and illness; how did this change during the Great War?

## **Old Beaumont Road**

Casualty evacuation process; following 1st Lancashire Fusiliers to the Regimental Aid Post (RAP) - what treatment was available. Medical Officers and Stretcher Bearers; Infection, trauma and blood loss.

#### Auchonvillers

Casualty evacuation process: a demonstration of period equipment and medical supplies; the use of x-rays; blood transfusions and the Thomas Splint.

## **Auchonvillers British Military Cemetery**

A former Advanced Dressing Station (ADS); how were casualties transported; the role of Nursing Staff including FANY; the role of surgeons and the development of new medical techniques; What happened to those who did not make it?; the role and ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

## **Thiepval Memorial to the Missing**

An opportunity for reflection and a chance to lay a Poppy wreath.

#### **Endorsement Statement**

This itinerary has been reviewed by the awarding body to ensure that it enhances the teaching and learning process for the related Pearson qualification.

The review confirms that the itinerary supports the content of GCSE History Option 11: The British Sector of the Western Front 1914-18: Injuries, Treatment and the Trenches and that the locations covered in each visit and the key outcomes to be delivered as part of each visit enriches the overall learning experience of this course. Endorsement does not cover the Tour Operator nor does it cover the suitability of the tour guide who delivers this itinerary. It is the responsibility of the Tour Operator and the participants of the tour to confirm the purposes of the tour and to ensure that the delivery of the tour is appropriate as explained in the Tour Operator's confirmation of booking.

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