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3-Day Tour

1918 Study Tour: the Turn of the Tide and the Birth of Modern War



Day 1

Introductory Study on 1918 and Operation Michael

Stand 1. Manchester Hill near Savy

Actions of the 16th Manchesters on 21st March. Revised British defensive doctrine and its uses; German attack, use of storm troops; being surrounded, moral vs physical effects.

Stand 2. Pargny

Actions of the 1st Worcesters on 23rd March – defence of a river line, counter attack, liaison, mutual support, control of demolitions.

Stand 3. Erches-Andecy

Actions of the 36th Ulster Division 26th – 27th March. Maintenance of momentum, counter attack, the role and position of commanders, the moral component.

Stand 4. Villers Bretonneux

The German attack halted, the first tank – v – tank engagement in history.

Day 2

Introductory talk on The Battle of Amiens

Stands 1 and 2. Australian cemetery and Memorial north of Villers Bretonneux

The Australian corps on 8th August 1918. All-arms cooperation, communication, recce pull and the dangers of questing for certainty versus risk taking.

Stand 3. Chipilly Spur

III British Corps on the Somme on 8th August. Vital ground and key terrain, fighting in woods.

Stand 4. Hangard Wood

The Canadian Corps on 8th August 1918. Deception, all-arms cooperation, the use of elite formations.

Stand 5. Le Quesnel

Exploitation – the Cavalry Corps' breakout.

Stand 6. Le Quesnel cemetery

Conclusion of operations on 11th August.



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Day 3

Mont St Quentin and the Breaking of the Hindenburg Line

Stand 1. Mont St Quentin

The Australian Corps 31st August to 1st September 1918. Preparations and orientation. Defence of an obstacle, obstacle crossing, battle procedure.

Stand 2. Mont St Quentin

The Australian Corps 31st August to 1st September 1918. The attack: concentration of force, firepower and counter-attack.

Stand 3. Start Line for the attack by the 46th Division

The assault plan and orientation of the 46th Division from the forward positions captured by the Australians. Battlefield walk.

Stand 4. Forward German Defensive line

The break-in.

Stand 5. Riqueval Bridge

The 6th South Staffords crossing the canal and seizing the bridge; remaining German bunkers on the eastern end of the bridge.

Concluding Remarks



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