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How is the First World War remembered in Ypres?

Belgium



The Menin Gate in Ypres. People gather for the 'Last Post' ceremony which has been held every evening at 8pm since 1928 (except during the Second World War).

The Memorial records the names of 54,900 soldiers from Britain, Australia, Canada and India who lost their lives in this part of Belgium – the Ypres Salient between August 1914 and 15 August 1917. The names of a further 34,888 are recorded on the memorial at the rear of Tyne Cot Cemetery which is nearby.



Ypres Cloth Hall Museum. This building, in the centre of Ypres, houses the 'In Flanders Field Museum' which is devoted to the study of the First World War. The Cloth Hall was destroyed in the First World War, but was reconstructed to its pre-war condition. Work was completed in 1967.



St. Georges Memorial Church, Ypres. Built in 1929, this church located in the centre of Ypres commemorates over 500,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers who died in the battles of Ypres. The land was donated by the town council of Ypres.

Britain

Remembrance Day is a memorial day which is held in Britain and Commonwealth countries to remember those who have died in line of duty.

This ceremony has been held since 1919, when King George V called upon people to remember those who had died during the First World War.

Today, in Britain and across Commonwealth countries, remembrance ceremonies are held at local war memorials on the second Sunday in November. A national service is also held at the Cenotaph in London. On November 11th itself a two-minute silence is held across the country at 11am.



The Cenotaph, London on Remembrance Day



Chesham War Memorial, Buckinghamshire