



SIR JOHN MONASH CENTRE
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MEMORIAL
VILLERS-BRETONNEUX FRANCE

TRAVELLING EXHIBITION: AUSTRALIANS ON THE WESTERN FRONT

DESCRIPTION OF THE 20 ILLUSTRATED PANELS

Panel number	Presentation of the panels
1	Introduction - Australians on the Western Front An overview of Australian involvement on the Western Front and the battles in which they took part.
2	Anzac Day Presentation of the importance of Anzac Day in Australian remembrance and why a service is held every year at dawn at the Australian National Memorial near Villers-Bretonneux.
3	The Australian Remembrance Trail along the Western Front An introduction to the Australian Remembrance Trail, which links Australian-related sites, memorials, cemeteries and museums on the Western Front.
4	The Australian National Memorial The Australian National Memorial near Villers-Bretonneux, which commemorates almost 11,000 Australian soldiers with no known grave.
5	The Sir John Monash Centre Introduction to the Sir John Monash Centre and its innovative way of immersing visitors in the history of Australia's involvement in the First World War.
6	Sir John Monash Short biography of the first Australian to command Australian troops in the First World War.
7	Fromelles Information about Australia's first action on the Western Front in July 1916 and the memorial sites on this former battlefield, including the VC Corner Cemetery and Memorial, the Australian Memorial Park, Pheasant Wood Cemetery and the Museum of the Battle of Fromelles.
8	Pozières Ridge and Thiepval The historical events that took place in the area during the summer of 1916 and the memorial sites that can be found there today, including the memorials at Pozières and the Thiepval Memorial.

9	<p>Bullecourt</p> <p>The two battles of Bullecourt in 1917 in which Australians suffered 10,000 casualties and the sites of remembrance there today, including the Digger Memorial and the Jean and Denise Letaille Museum.</p>
10	<p>The Underground City of Naours</p> <p>The history of the Underground City of Naours during the First World War, a place visited by Allied soldiers during their rest periods, and the interpretation centre 'The Silent Soldiers of Naours, Graffiti and Men in 1914-18'</p>
11	<p>The historic town of Ieper (Ypres)</p> <p>The town at the heart of the Flanders battlefields, the In Flanders Fields Museum and the Menin Gate, which commemorates more than 54,000 Commonwealth soldiers, including more than 6,000 from the Australian forces.</p>
12	<p>Messines Ridge</p> <p>The Battle of Messines, which began with the explosion of 19 mines under German trenches on 7 June 1917, and today's memorial sites, including the Plugstreet 14-18 Experience interpretation centre and the Toronto Avenue Cemetery.</p>
13	<p>The Third Battle of Ypres</p> <p>The Third Battle of Ypres (31 July to 10 November 1917) and today's memorial sites, including the Passchendaele 1917 Memorial Museum and Tyne Cot Cemetery with its 11,965 graves.</p>
14	<p>Vignacourt</p> <p>The history of the Thuillier family and their collection of photographs of soldiers and civilians taken during the First World War and an overview of the Vignacourt 14-18 Interpretation Centre.</p>
15	<p>Villers-Bretonneux and Dernancourt</p> <p>The history of two towns that hold an important place in Australian memory and the Franco-Australian friendship that was forged during the First World War, as well as the Franco-Australian Museum and the Adelaide Cemetery.</p>
16	<p>Le Hamel and Amiens</p> <p>A short history of two decisive battles of 1918: the Battle of Le Hamel, the first major operation of the Australian Corps under the command of Lieutenant-General John Monash, and the Battle of Amiens, 'the black day for Germany'.</p>
17	<p>Mont-Saint-Quentin and Péronne</p> <p>An overview of the battles of Mont Saint Quentin and Péronne, which enabled the Allied troops to continue their advance towards the Hindenburg Line in 1918, and an insight into the Historial, Museum of the Great War.</p>

18	<p>The Commonwealth War Graves Commission</p> <p>An introduction to the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, whose mission is to honour the memory of the 1.7 million Commonwealth soldiers who fell in the First and Second World Wars, and an overview of the CWGC Visitor Centre in Beaurains.</p>
19	<p>The Five Australian Division Memorials on the Western Front</p> <p>A brief history of each of the five memorials erected in a major theatre of war in memory of the Australian divisions that served on the Western Front during the First World War.</p>
20	<p>The Chateaux of the Australian Remembrance Trail</p> <p>A short history of the three châteaux that became headquarters for Australian officers, including Château de Bertangles, Château de Saint-Gratien and Château de Querrieu.</p>