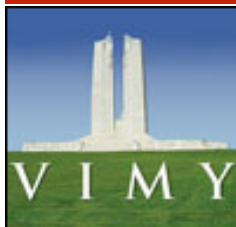


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## Vimy Ridge 90th anniversary



On Easter Monday 9th April 2007, thousands of people will gather at Vimy Ridge to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the capture of the German held strongpoint, in what is now known as the Battle of Arras. Canadians are expected to be represented in their thousand to mark the event which many say was a key point in shaping the Canadian nation. Do not miss the chance to attend Vimy for these memorable events. Places are still available for our "Arras 90th anniversary tour. Details opposite and on our website.

## *This month in History – March*

**On Land** – The battle of Neuve Chapelle 10-12 March 1915 was the first major offensive by the BEF in the Great War. Using 4 Divisions with 300 guns firing in support the British intended to push passed Neuve Chapelle and onwards towards Aubers ridge. Problems on the flanks, insufficient artillery and delays in command led to little progress and a determined enemy counter attack consolidated the line with only little gain. The British lost over 11,000 casualties. They had however proved that they could attack, and take ground from the enemy.

**VC– Harry Daniels** was the 13th of 16 children, from a Norfolk family who was a Sergeant Major in the Rifle Brigade at Neuve Chapelle. With Cpl Noble, they tried valiantly to cut and pull down barbed wire holding up his men. Both were hit, Noble died but Daniels survived until 1953, having attained the rank of Colonel.



## The following units wear this honour with pride

**Neuve Chapelle 1915**– Gordon Highlanders, Royal Scots Greys, 20th Hussars, Berkshire Regt, Grenadier Guards, Suffolk Regt, The Green Howards, Royal Fusiliers, 9th Jat Regiment, 10th Baluch Regt, 11th Sikh Regt, 2nd Bombay Pioneers, 9th Ghurka Rifles.

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