

The Quickfirer!



Bringing alive the dry pages of history

“Ham & Jam” - Walking Normandy

Our forthcoming walking tour to study the Battle for Normandy promises to be a little special, Julian, armed with an intimate knowledge of the area has planned five evocative walks covering all aspects of the 1944 campaign. On arrival we start with the eastern flank, our walk around Pegasus Bridge includes a visit to the excellent museum nearby. The next morning we walk from Sword Beach to Hillman Bunker as we study the opening hours of the campaign from a British perspective. Walk three takes the American involvement on the Omaha Beach sector bringing day 2 to a close. Day 3 looks at the important inland battles with walks that cover Hill 112 and Villers Bocage. Our hotel is the beachfront 3* hotel at Ouistreham. Secure a place now with a £50 deposit.

This month in history - April

In The Air– In one of the most costly months of the Great War for the Royal Flying Corps, April 1917 saw a desperate struggle in the skies above Arras as both sides battled for air supremacy.

On Land – Following a lengthy naval bombardment allied troops land on the Gallipoli peninsula, British, Australian, New Zealand, French & Sri Lankan forces take part in the beach assault on the 25 April 1915, the Lancashire Fusiliers win 6 VC’s before breakfast.

For Valour



Sergeant John Whittle 12th AIF, born in Tasmania. On April 7 1917, Sgt Whittle was in command of a post near Boursies, when the Germans counter-attacked and entered his trench. Sgt Whittle charged the enemy and stabilised the position. On April 15, at Lagnicourt, German troops attempted to encircle the Australian posts & bomb them, an Australian counter attack, assisted by sustained shellfire against the Germans, led by Sgt Whittle, resulted in complete AIF victory.

The following units wear this honour with pride

Villers Bretonneux 24-25 April 1918 - The Queens Regt, The Royal Fusiliers, The Devonshire’s, The West Yorkshires The Bedfordshire’s, The Worcesters, The East Lancs, The Essex Regt, The Sherwood Foresters & The London Regt.

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Julian & Clive at a recent HGWS lecture with Richard Holmes

2006 Tour Schedule Schedule

Walking Normandy

4 night tour from £329

3* Hotel 17/21 July

Londoners on the Somme

3 night tour, 3* Arras Hotel

£259 14/17 September

Walking Arnhem

4 night tour, 3* Hotel from £329

23/27 September

Walking Gallipoli

5 night tour, Anzac Hotel from £775

16/21 October *now full*

Walking Gallipoli 2nd date

now booking 21/26 October

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