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Double Discovery of Soldiers remains

During April two miraculous discoveries were made in the Ypres salient as more Great War soldiers bodies were uncovered. In the first instance builders in a garden came upon remains whilst a further discovery was found in a field by a farmer. Police, the War Graves Commission and Local Historians are now all involved, as well as the Ministry of Defence in researching the finds and attempting to identify the bodies. It is likely that the body in the field is from the same unit and attack that claimed Henry Wilkinson near Ploegstreet Wood, who was found and identified years ago, and who now has a small memorial in his memory. Lest we forget.

This month in History – May

At Sea- The battle of Jutland begins on May 31 1916. The Royal Navy clashes with the German fleet and both sides suffer severe losses.

On Land – Supporting a French attack in Artois, the BEF attack at Aubers Ridge on May 9th 1915. Doubts arise over the quality of allied artillery shells and the attack grinds to a halt after 24 hours. British casualties amount to 11,600 for little gain.

VC— Lt Rupert Vance Moon of the 58th Battalion Australian Infantry, won the VC on 12 May 1917 near Bullecourt. During an attack against German trenches and Pillboxes he led the attack with Lewis gunners and despite being shot in the foot, shoulder, arm and Jaw, pressed the objectives and captured 180 enemy. He showed magnificent bravery, strength and leadership. Moon died in 1986 in Australia.



The following units wear this honour with pride

.Dunkirk May-June 1940 Cheshire Regt, Suffolk Regt, Coldstream Guards, Grenadier Guards, The Black Watch, The DLI, Royal Dragoon Guards, Beds & Herts. Regt.

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Ploegstreet Memorial

2006 Tour Schedule

Walking Normandy

4 night tour from £329
3* Hotel 17/21 July

London Soldiers on the Somme 3 night tour,

3* Arras Hotel £259
14/17 September Following the Footsteps of the London Divisions at High Wood, Combles and Chipilly.

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Nights 7/11 October–
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