

# The Quickfirer!



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## The Somme remembered –online

To mark the 90th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme the Imperial War Museum is launching an online exhibition exploring the longest and most costly land battle in British history. A number of key items from the Museum's extensive First World War collection will be digitised and readily available to the wider public for the first time in this unique online display covering the Battle itself, the stories of the people involved and the battlefields today. The website will go live 1 June 2006. [www.iwm.org.uk/thesomme](http://www.iwm.org.uk/thesomme)

## This month in History –June

**At Sea**– The Battle of Jutland came to an end on the 1st June 1916. The largest clash of Naval powers in world war one.

**On Land** – The largest ever air and amphibious operation was launched in Operation Overlord. D-day was 6th June 1944. Allied forces begun landing in Normandy just after midnight and by 10pm 135,000 soldiers had landed on shore, supported by 11,000 planes and 7,000 ships.

The battle of Normandy lasted another 77 days but led to the German forces collapse in France.

**VC**— Robert Grieve, from Melbourne Australia was a Captain in the 37th AIF, when he won the VC at Messines on 7th June 1917. With coolness and utter disregard for danger in the face of heavy hostile fire he single handedly succeeded in bombing and killing two machine gun crews and though wounded secured the objective and set a splendid example.



The following units wear this honour with pride

*Messines 1917—The Buffs, South Wales Borderers, Royal Fusiliers, Connaught Rangers, London Regiment, Royal Tank Regiment, Royal Scots Fusiliers, Cheshire Regi-*

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## 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.

### \*New \*Walking Wipers "5 years of war"

4 Nights 7/11 October–

With 5 walks each looking at one year of War in the embattled Salient. Gheluvelt, Frezenburg ridge, Mont Sorrel, St Julian, Kemmel

2007 Tours coming soon



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