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The New Tyne Cot Visitors Centre

A new visitors centre at Tyne Cot is schedule to open on the 12 July 2007 to coincide with the official state ceremony to mark the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele. Over 200,000 visitors a year to the cemetery mean this new interpretive centre, similar to that seen at Thiepval, will give visitors a greater understanding of the Ypres Salient and the men buried in the cemetery. With modern parking facilities and a new entrance via the New Zealand Memorial a restored wartime path with historic information panels links the cemetery to the excellent Dugout Museum at Zonnebeke, making this a welcome addition to the Salient. The road to the front of the cemetery is being narrowed to prevent vehicle access and provide unbroken views over the 1917 battlefield.

This month in History – August

On Land – *An attempt to break stalemate in Gallipoli was launched via the Suvla Bay landings, men from the 10th (Irish), 11th (Northern) and 54th (East Anglian) Divisions were landed by the 12th August with a view to capturing the high ground of Tekke Tepe. The race to the hills was won by the Turkish reinforcements and the subsequent allied attempts to dislodge them gained little ground but at a cost of 18,000 casualties.*

VC— Cyril Bassett NZ Engineers (Signals Dept)

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the Chunuk Bair Ridge 7 August 1915, Cpl Bassett in full daylight and under a continuous and heavy fire succeeded in laying a telephone wire from the old position to the new one on Chunuk Bair. He has subsequently been brought to notice for further excellent and most gallant work connected with the repair of telephone lines by day & night under heavy fire. Bassett was the first New Zealander of the war to win the V.C.



The following units wear this honour with pride

Scimitar Hill-Gallipoli —Berks Yeomanry, Herts Yeomanry, Derbyshire Yeomanry, 11th London Regt, Norfolk Regt, Essex Regt, Sussex Regt, Royal Munsters, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Border Regt, Warwickshire Yeomanry, Border Regiment, Bharatpur Transport Corps.

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Jools on Lancashire Landing

2006/07 Tour Schedule

London be Proud £259

90th Anniversary tour walking High Wood, Combes, Gommecourt & Chipilly. 14/17 Sept *5 places left*

Walking Gallipoli £775

Walking the Beach heads, inland fighting, Suvla Bay & Anzac *Now Full*

Walking Wipers

Following the 5 years of war with 5 new walks—7-11 October, £329 *3 places left*

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May—Walking Gallipoli

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