

The Quickfirer!



Bringing alive the dry pages of history

Walking Gallipoli

Our tour season drew to a close with the Walking Gallipoli tour last week, but what a last act it really was. The peninsular proved to be the shining jewel in the crown of tours. Stunning landscape, wilderness seldom found in Europe, wild dogs, dolphins and Tortoises that's without the History of the Dardanelles and nearby Troy included. With Aussies, Irish and English aboard we were like an Expeditionary force of our own, as we walked the peninsular including the evocative Lancashire landing beach, the wild Gully Ravine and of course uphill to Lone Pine and then down the stunning Rhododendron ridge from Chunuk Bair. Finally we remembered the fallen at Suvla bay and each night crossed the shimmering narrows to the vibrant town of Cannakale. We cant wait for next years tours to return to this jewel in the crown.

This month in History – November

On Land – The Battle of Cambrai opened on the 20th November 1917. Over 370 Tanks crashed through the Hindenburg line with great Infantry Co-operation. Planned as an operation to cut off Cambrai with cavalry exploiting the gaps it started with much promise but got slowed down by the fierce defence and counter attacks near Brouillon wood and Masnières. Much of the gains of November 20-23 were sadly lost in December.

VC—Corporal Colin Barron 3Battalion CEF.



Described at school as “a bit of a devil and a fighter” He took the initiative in a stalled attack on Vine cottage, a reinforced pill box near Passchendale on November 6th 1917. He got his Lewis gun into position and knocked out 2 of the machine guns before storming into the bunker with bayonet and club and killed most of the occupants before using their machine gun on some of the others fleeing the scene. He survived the war and further service in WW2 and died peacefully in Toronto in 1959.

The following units wear this honour with pride

EL ALAMEIN 1942– The Life Guards, Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry, Gordon Highlanders, Green Howards, Essex Regiment, Queens Westminsters, The DLI, The HAC, Kings Royal Irish Hussars, The Rifle Brigade.

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Chunuk Bair ridge Gallipoli

2007 Tour Schedule

2007 Tours now booking
Walking Arras. April 9th-13th 2007

Walking Gallipoli April 29th –4th May

Western Front Highlights
Tour June 9th-13th

“Somme Summer” Strolls
May 13th—17th

High altitude—Great War
in Italy July 19-25th

Walking Wipers
July 29—Aug2nd 2007

“Somme Winter” Walks
Sept 15th—19th.

Verdun - October
14th-18th 2007



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