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Surgery and Treatment on the Western Front: Ypres

For those centres studying WJEC Eduqas History GCSE Thematic Study option 2F: Changes in Health and Medicine in Britain c500 to the present day, Anglia Tours is delighted to offer a range of fully-guided tours each designed to support study of the historic environment, British sector of the Western Front 1914-1918 and the treatment and care of the wounded. Using selected sources and a range of period medical kit and equipment, our Surgery & Treatment tours really will bring the topic alive for your students.

Bayernwald trench system

Creating the Western Front; the development of Trench warfare; daily routine; conditions in the trenches; issues of health and hygiene in the trenches; comparison between battlefield casualties and illness in previous conflicts – what changes?

Hill 60

The development of mine warfare in the Great War; the use of poison gas and its effects; the differing nature of battlefield wounds; medical treatment on the battlefield; how do you move casualties on the battlefield? The role of Medical Officers and Stretcher Bearers.

Hooge Crater Museum

In the museum's brand new hospital classroom, a guide-led demonstration of the triage process using period equipment and medical supplies with role play and a chance to wear a Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) uniform; what treatment is available?

Railway Dugouts Burial Ground

Former Advanced Dressing Station (ADS). How are casualties transported from RAP to ADS; the role of the RAMC; Infection, trauma and blood loss; Rev. Edgar Noel Moore MC – the role of Padres on the Front Line; ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; A demonstration of the triage process using period equipment and medical supplies; what treatment is available? The use of x-rays; blood transfusions and the Thomas Splint.

Lijssenthoek CWGC cemetery

Former Casualty Clearing Station (CCS) and largest hospital cemetery in the Ypres Salient; how are casualties transported from ADS to CCS; the role of Nursing Staff including First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY); the role of surgeons and the development of new medical techniques; treating gas casualties; abdominal wounds etc; What happens to those who don't make it? The role and ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. An opportunity for reflection and a chance to lay a Poppy wreath.

