

# First World War Battlefield Tour – Belgium 2019



Thursday 23 May 2019

## Essex Farm

- There are 1,200 WW1 servicemen buried or commemorated in this cemetery. Of these burials, 103 are not identified.
- The location of Essex Farm Advanced Dressing Station is believed to be the place in May 1915 where the Canadian Army Doctor and artillery brigade commander Major John McCrae composed his famous poem "In Flanders Fields".



Rifleman V. J Strudwick was aged 15 when he died on 14 January 1916.

# St. George's Church



## **The Idea for a British Church in Ypres**

Immediately after the Great War there was discussion about the idea of having an Anglican church in Leper. The intention was to build it not only as a memorial but also as somewhere for the relatives of the fallen to visit and find a peaceful place for reflection.



# Langemark German Cemetery

- Langemark cemetery is one of only four First World War German cemeteries in the Flanders region.
- A very different style of cemetery for the Germans.
- The lower left picture - a mass grave of 26,000 German





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- **Passchendaele Memorial Museum.** This museum tells the story of the war in the Ypres Salient with special emphasis on the Battle of Passchendaele 1917.







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# Sanctuary Wood Museum (Hill 62)



























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# Hill 60

- The WW1 battle area known as Hill 60 was so called on British military maps because the contoured height of the ground was marked at 60 metres above sea level. The

