

FOLLOW THE QUEST TO THE BATTLEFIELDS OF THE WESTERN FRONT

Secondary School Quest - Level One

Find the names of certain towns on the Western Front.

When the German Armies invaded Belgium it became essential for the Allies to stop their progress towards the Channel ports so that supplies and reinforcements could come in from the UK and later from the USA. Trenches were constructed, and the opposing forces dug in facing each other. This situation of stalemate led to years of horrendous trench warfare.

There were various towns along the Western Front - your Quest is to name the three described below.

1. Name the town in Belgium, situated in the middle of the Front Line.

Clue: Every evening now, under the arch of the memorial gate, the Last Post is sounded in remembrance of those who died.

2. Name the town on the southern part of the Western Front held by the French forces throughout the War.

Clue: The French soldiers' motto was "Ils ne passeront pas."

3. Name the town near the River Somme which was occupied by both sides at different times, and where, for part of the War, the statue on the top of the Basilica hung half-suspended from its plinth.

Clue: The name of this town can be used as a boy's first name.



Secondary School Quest - Level Two

Find out the names of the three War Poets described

Before World War I battles were fought by professional soldiers usually far from home and poems were written emphasising aspects of glory and honour. The 1914-18 War, involving ordinary people dying terrible deaths in great numbers close to home changed that. Those who wrote poems about the conflict became known as "The War Poets".

A number of poets wrote moving testaments of their experiences - your Quest is to name the three described below.

1. Name the poet whose family gave permission for his poems to be quoted in Remembrance.
2. Name the poet whose most famous poem featured poppies.
3. Name the poet who was killed only days before the Armistice was signed.

