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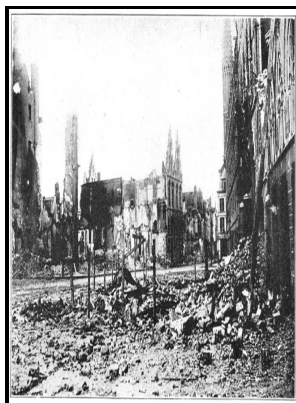
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### The Great War — Battle of Vimy Ridge

After arriving from Salisbury Plain, the Canadian forces were instructed to prevent the Germans from reinforcing the sector of Neuve Chapelle. The attack was absolute carnage.

### Second Ypres 1915

He believed that his country was destined for greatness, but often felt that the old empires of Europe were not treating the Germans, and himself, with the respect he felt was deserved. Slowly they advanced forward, but their objective of capturing Passchendaele ridge, the only high ground in the region, remained elusive.

### The Second Battle of Ypres

In Hayes, Geoffrey; Iarocci, Andrew; Bechthold, Mike. In the village people brought us items unearthed by their ploughs and one day someone turned up with the remains of a Canadian soldier who had been found in the sunken lane behind our house.

### Ypres

As German forces moved from behind the drifting gas cloud toward the now-empty Algerian trenches, Canadian and British battalions — including soldiers themselves suffering from the gas — moved to plug the hole.

### Military history of Canada during World War I

Despite this, the rift between French and English-speaking Canadians was indelible and would last for many years to come. Bavarian prince Leopold I of Saxe-Coburg was inaugurated as King on July 21 1831, today a national holiday in Belgium. Soon the elite German storm troopers were a depleted force.

## **The Great War — Battle of Vimy Ridge**

When the Triple Alliance was renewed between the German Empire, Austria-Hungary and Italy in 1887, Russia was looking for a similar alliance to help protect them from the German threat on their western border. The city of Ypres had been leveled.

### **The Western Front**

The window opened a bit more with this addition of this new force to the French line. The advance briefly halted, the artillery barrage remaining stationary for 90 minutes to give troops time to consolidate the Blue Line and bring supporting machine guns forward.

### **The Western Front**

General Gallieni arranged for 600 taxis to transport the soldiers and the taxi companies were reimbursed the 70,000 francs for the expense. Due to the site's proximity to the Quebec City harbour, Valcartier was hastily set up as a military camp upon the commencement of the First World War, ultimately becoming the largest military base on Canadian soil during the war and serving as the main embarkation point for troops headed to Europe. Prior to the war, Canada had a small and a much larger.

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