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Canadians at War: A Guide to the Battlefields of World War I

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Ypres, the Somme, Vimy, Passchendaele, Amiens — to many, these are the names of battles far away and long ago. To thousands of soldiers, now gone, the battles were hard-fought and costly campaigns fraught with danger, pain, and tears. Today, these combat zones are tourist destinations, trod by the relatives of those who fought, in search of a connection with the past.

The first book of its kind, ***Canadians at War: A Guide to the Battlefields of World War I*** follows the route of the Canadian Expeditionary Force from its first encounter with the German forces at Neuve Chappelle, to the site of the 1915 gas attack at St. Julien, where the Canadians held their ground, to the horrors of the Somme, the triumph at Vimy, the mud of Passchendaele, the German offensive of the spring of 1918, and the final One Hundred Days ending with the Armistice near Mons. In this informative and unique guidebook, Susan Evans Shaw provides an historical overview of each battlefield as well as maps, photographs, and information on the memorials and cemeteries. Supplemental chapters contain information on railway troops, forestry corps, tunnelling companies, air services, and how to research Canadian soldiers.

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