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1st World War

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Guards Chapel & Museum

Birdcage Walk, SW1W
020 7414 3271

transport: St James's Park & Westminster u/g; buses 3, 11,12,24,53,77A,88,159,211

facilities: book & gift shop (09.00-16.00); tours by arrangement

opening: daily except Jan 10.00-16.00 (last admission 15.30)

admission charge

the museum covers over 350 years of the history of the Regiments of Foot Guards including service in both World Wars

Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Road, Lambeth, SE1
020 7416 5320 www.iwm.org.uk

transport: Lambeth North & Elephant & Castle u/g; buses 1,12,45,53,59,63,68,100,159,168,171,172,176,188,344, C10

facilities: library; licensed café; bookshop

opening: daily 10.00-18.00

admission free

this museum has one of the world's foremost art collections for illustrating the history of warfare especially the 1st and 2nd World Wars. Included are works by Epstein, Sutherland, Piper, Topoloski and Paul Nash who was the official War Artist for the 1st World War. Among the military memorabilia is the 'Old Bill' bus which carried troops to the Western Front in the 1st World War

John Rushworth, 1st Earl Jellicoe

Trafalgar Square, WC2

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12, 13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

a bust of 1948 commemorates the hero of the 1st World War Battle of Jutland

Westminster Abbey

Deans' Yard, Parliament Square, SW1
020 7222 5152 www.westminster-abbey.org

transport: Westminster & St James's Park u/g, Victoria & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,109,159, 211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

facilities: audio guide & leaflets in 7 languages; guided tours (Apr-Oct Mon-Fri 10.00,10.30,11.00,14.00,15.00, Sat 10.00,11.00,12.30; Nov-Mar Mon-Fri 10.00,11.00, 14.00,15.00, Sat 10.00,11.00,12.30)

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-16.45, last admission 15.45; Sat 09.00-14.45, last admission 13.45; closed Sun except for worship; Cloister daily 08.00-18.00; Chapter House daily 10.00-17.30 Apr-Oct, 10.00-16.00 Nov-Mar
admission charge

the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier commemorates the million soldiers who died in the 1st World War

National Army Museum

Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, SW3
020 7730 0717 www.national-army-museum.ac.uk

transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 11,211,137,239; boat Cadogan Pier

facilities: disabled & wheelchair access to all galleries; snacks and light lunches; museum shop with souvenirs; gifts & books

opening: daily 10.00-17.30
admission free

a reconstruction of a 1st World War trench is a part of the collection that records the British army's activities over the 5 centuries from 1415

Royal Air Force Museum

Grahame Park Way, Hendon, NW9
020 8205 2266 (general); 09001 6055 633 (info line)
www.rafmuseum.org.uk

transport: Colindale u/g; buses 204,303

facilities: disabled access & wcs; library; restaurant & snacks; shop

opening: daily 10.00-18.00

admission charge

on show are two 1st World War aircraft: a DH9A and a Sopwith Tabloid

David, 1st Earl Beatty

Trafalgar Square, WC2

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12, 13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

a statue of the British naval commander and First Sea Lord (1871-1936) erected in 1948

Edith Cavell

island in St Martin's Place near National Portrait Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12, 13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

a statue of 1920 to the nurse Edith Cavell (1865-1915), who was executed by the Germans during the 1st World War for helping Belgian and Allied fugitives to escape capture; by Sir George James Frampton

Cenotaph

Whitehall, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

this famous war memorial stands in the centre of the road at Whitehall. It was unveiled in 1920 but now commemorates both the World Wars. Of Portland stone it was carved with concave and convex lines representing infinity and has no religious symbols; by Sir Edwin Landseer Lutyens. Flags of the Army, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and Merchant Navy fly alongside

Machine Gun Corps Memorial

Hyde Park Corner, W1

transport: Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16, 19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

a 1st World War memorial of 1925 to the Machine Gun Corps shows the figure of David leaning on Goliath's sword. It is flanked by a Vickers machine gun and is by Francis Derwent Wood

Imperial Camel Corps

Victoria Embankment Gardens, east of Embankment station, SW1

transport: Embankment u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,15,23,26,59,76,77A,91,168,171,172, 176,188,341; boat Embankment Pier

the memorial to the Imperial Camel Corps is of a soldier on camelback. By Major Cecil Brown (1920) it commemorates those who died in Egypt, Sinai & Palestine during 1916-18 and lists the names of both British & Australian soldiers. The plinth has scenes from campaigns and a roll call of battle honours

Submarines plaques

opposite Temple Gardens, Victoria Embankment, WC2
transport: Temple u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 4,11,15,26,45,63,76,100,172,341; boat Temple Pier
a memorial plaque of 1922 to the 50 submariners lost during the 1st World War, it later incorporated a tribute to the 82 who died during the 2nd World War. One plaque shows the control room of a 1st World War submarine complete with floating ethereal figures. A list of submarines lost in each war with the figures of Truth and Justice is above a depiction of a surfaced 1st World War sub. The small anchors which stud the memorial are used to hold remembrance wreathes. It is the work of F Brook Hatch and A H Ryan Tenison

London Troops War Memorial

Cornhill, EC3
transport: Bank u/g & DLR, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,26,35,47,48,133,149,242,344
war memorial of 1920 by Sir Aston Webb with figures by Alfred Drury

Captain Charles Algernon Fryatt

forecourt of Liverpool Street Station, Liverpool Street, EC2
transport: Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,26,35,42,47,48,78,100,133,149,153,214,242,344
the medallion to Captain Fryatt (1872-1916) was placed in 1922 below the War Memorial to those who worked for the Great Eastern Railway. Fryatt was master of the railway steamer SS Brussels during the 1st World War. In 1915 he had refused to stop when challenged by a German submarine who believed he was spying. The ship was captured later that year and Fryatt was tried and shot at Bruges in 1916

Merchant Seamen's War Memorial/ Mercantile Marine Memorial

Trinity Square Gardens, Tower Hill, EC3
transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Piers
this war memorial commemorates both World Wars. The Merchant Seamen's War Memorial is the temple-shaped structure nearest the road and was sculptured after the 1st World War by Sir Edwin Lutyens; the sunken garden behind was added in 1955 to commemorate the 2nd World War and is known as the Mercantile Marine Memorial. It is by Sir Edward Maufe with sculpture by Sir Charles Wheeler. Both memorials have the names of those who died listed under the names of the ships - the first section lists ships of the Merchant Navy, the second the boats of the Fishing Fleet

Monument of Belgium's Gratitude for British Aid in 1914-18

opposite Cleopatra's Needle, Victoria Embankment, WC2
transport: Embankment u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,15,23,26,59,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341
this monument, designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield, was erected in 1920. The sculpture, by Victor Rousseau, shows women and a boy & girl carrying garlands, and was erected in gratitude by the Belgian refugees who spent the 1st World War in Britain

St Paul's Cathedral

St Paul's Churchyard, EC4
020 7263 4128 www.stpauls.co.uk
transport: St Pauls & Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars & Cannon Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,11,15,26,56,76,172,100,172,242; boat Blackfriars Millennium Pier
facilities: café in crypt (09.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 10.30-17.00 Sun); shop in crypt (09.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 10.30-17.00 Sun)
opening: Mon-Sat 08.30-16.00 (restricted during services); Crypt 10.00-16.15 Mon-Fri, 11.00-16.15 Sat
admission charge includes entry to galleries
a memorial to Lord Herbert Kitchener (1850-1916) British field marshal, statesman and Secretary of War (1914), is in the Chapel of All Souls. He lost his life when HMS Hampshire was mined off the Orkney Islands in 1916

Westminster Cathedral

Victoria Street, SW1
020 7798 9055
transport: Victoria & St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,26,76,211
facilities: gift shop (Mon-Fri 09.30-17.15, Sat-Sun 10.00-16.45)
opening: daily: church April-Oct 07.00-20.00; Nov-Mar 07.00-19.00; campanile 09.00-17.00
admission: free to church; there is a charge for the lift up the campanile
the Stations of the Cross on the pillars of the nave were made during the 1st World War by Eric Gil

Freemasons Hall

60 Great Queen Street, Covent Garden, WC2
020 7831 9811
transport: Covent Garden & Holborn u/g; buses 1,59,68,91,168,171,188
facilities: disabled access, guided tours of Grand Temple (Mon-Fri 11.00 & 16.00 no charge)
opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00, Sat 10.30-13.00
admission free
the Hall was built between 1927-33 as a memorial to all freemasons who died in the 1st World War; by Ashley and Newman

Queen Square, WC1

transport: Russell Square & Holborn u/g; buses 7,19,38,45,55,59,68,91,168,188
a plaque in the Gardens commemorates the fortunate escape of 1000 people when a zeppelin exploded in 1915

Air Chief Marshal Hugh, 1st Baron Dowding

outside St Clement Danes Church, Strand, WC2
transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers
memorial statue of 1988 to Air Chief Marshal Dowding (1882-1970) by Faith Winter

Royal Arsenal

Woolwich, SE18
transport: Woolwich Arsenal rail; buses 51,53,96,99,244,291
this collection of 18th century buildings became the Royal Arsenal in 1805. As an ordinance factory it employed nearly 80,000 people during the 1st World War. Finally

closing in 1967 the site is scheduled to be restored as a mixed commercial and residential centre

part of the site has reopened as a museum on the history of military science from the 14th to 20th century especially guns and artillery. See separate entry under Firepower

St Edmund, King and Martyr Church, Lombard Street

Lombard Street, EC3
020 7623 6970

transport: Bank u/g, Moorgate & Liverpool Street u/g & rail, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 8,11,21,26,35,47,48,76,133,149,242

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00

on display are fragments of a German bomb which damaged the church in 1917

St George and the Dragon

Serpentine Road, Hyde Park, W2

transport: Knightsbridge & Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

this statue shows St George slaying the dragon. Sculptured in 1924 out of the bronze of guns captured during the 1st World War it has a plinth showing the names of the cavalry regiments around the world that took part in the 1st World War. The statue is by Captain Adrian Jones and the plinth by Sir John Burnet

Bushy Park

Sandy Lane, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12
020 8979 1586 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

transport: Teddington & Hampton Court rail; buses 111, 216,411,416,451,461,465,513,726,R68

opening: daily 05.00-22.30 Woodland Gardens 09.00-dusk

the Waterhouse Woodland Gardens cover 32 acres (13 hectares) and has lovely rhododendrons and azaleas in the spring. There is also a totem pole which is a memorial to the time when Upper Lodge was used as a convalescent home for Canadian soldiers during the 1st World War

Brookwood Cemetery

Cemetery Pales, off A322, Woking, Surrey,
www.surreyweb.org.uk/bcs

transport: Brookwood Station rail with exit into grounds
facilities: *guided walks for a small donation*

of 37 acres this has the largest military burial ground in the UK. It was first used in 1917 and now holds over 4,220 from the two World wars. The Brookwood Memorial of 1958 commemorates those with no known grave (including 3,500 from the 2nd World War). The Memorial Chapel in the American section includes 563 dead from the 1st World War while among the graves of the various nations of the Commonwealth & Europe are some of 2nd World War German and Italian prisoners of war. Also commemorated are those who died in hospitals in the London Military District during the 1st World War

Firepower

Warren Lane, Woolwich, SE18
020 8855 7755 www.firepower.org.uk

transport: Woolwich Arsenal rail; buses 51,53,96,99,244, 291

facilities: *disabled access; parking; café; gift shop; riverside park and walk nearby*

opening: daily 10.00-17.00
admission charge

this museum looks at the history of the science of artillery, weapons, ammunition and guns from the 14th century until the 20th century. There is an interesting display of Victoria Crosses, the highest award that can be made for gallantry. The use of audio visual and interactive displays with simulators add extra emphasis especially the Field of Fire where you can relive the experiences of 20th century gunners in both war & peace

Paddington Station

Praed Street, Paddington, W2

transport: Paddington u/g & rail; buses 7,15,23,27,36

a war memorial to the 3,312 men & women of the Great Western Railway who served and gave their lives during both World Wars. The statue is of a soldier in his greatcoat and helmet

Ypres Milestone

Shooter's Hill, SE18

transport: buses 89,122,161,178,486

here you can find a milestone showing the distance to Ypres (130 miles) and to London Bridge (8 miles) with the inscription 'In defending the Salient our casualties were 90,000 killed, 70,500 missing, 410,000 wounded'

Sandham Memorial Chapel

Burghclere, Newbury, Hampshire, RG20 9JT
01635 278394

transport: car (off A34 4 miles south of Newbury); Newbury rail; buses 123,124

facilities: *picnic area, disabled access and Braille guide*

opening: 1Apr-31Oct Wed-Sun 11.00-17.00; Nov & March Sat-Sun 11.00-16.00; rest of year by appointment only

admission charge

the murals by Stanley Spencer show the everyday life of soldiers during the War. There is no lighting so make sure you visit on a bright day

Chislehurst Caves

Old Hill, Chislehurst, Kent,
020 8467 3264

transport: Chislehurst rail; buses 162,269

facilities: *45 mins guided tours*

opening: Wed-Sun, daily during school holidays 11.00-16.00

admission charge

these prehistoric underground tunnels were carved by miners searching for chalk & flint and have been used since Roman times. During the 1st World War they were used as an ammunition depot, then as a mushroom farm and as an air raid shelter during World War 2. They are unlit and guided tours take place by lamplight

Battersea Park and Zoo

Albert Bridge Road, SW11
020 8871 7540 (zoo) or 8871 6374 (playground)
www.batterseapark.org

transport: Sloane Square u/g, Battersea Park & Queenstown Road rail; buses 19,44,49,137,239,319,344, 345

facilities: *disabled access & wcs; zoo has otter feeding at 11.00 & 16.00*

opening: park: daily dawn-dusk; zoo: daily Easter-Sept 10.00-17.00, Sat-Sun Oct-Easter 11.00-15.00;

playground: term-time Tue-Fri 15.30-19.00, holidays & weekends 11.00-18.00

admission: park & playground free, zoo has admission charge

a memorial by the side of the path leading to the bandstand shows soldiers standing together on a serpent as if in the trenches. The figure on the right has a broken nose and is modelled on the war poet Robert Graves. The pedestal is a drum carved with military emblems and animals. By Eric Kennington (1924) the memorial commemorates the 24th (East Surrey) Division another memorial with a bronze map of the Anzac battlefield in the Gallipoli Campaign commemorates those who lost their lives in 1915

Waterloo Station, SE1

transport: Waterloo East rail, Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,26,68,76,77,139,168,171,172,176,188,211,243,341,381,RV1

the Victory Arch at the top of the steps into the station commemorates the 585 members of the London & South Western Railway who died in the war. On the left side is a statue of Belladonna, the goddess of war, marked 1914 and on the right a statue of Peace marked 1918

Crystal Palace Park, SE19

020 8778 9496

transport: Crystal Palace Park, Penge East, Penge West & Anerley rail; buses 2,3,63,122,157,202,227,249,322,358,410,417

facilities: tours of grounds 2nd Sun in month (noon & 14.30 summer, noon winter) small charge

opening: daily dawn-dusk
admission free

the 1931 memorial to the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve who trained in the park during the 1st World War, is a bell mounted on a teak base and supported by dolphins

Golders Green, NW11

transport: Golders Green u/g; buses 13,82,83,102,183,210,240,245,260,268,328,H2

a memorial in the form of a clock tower with bronze plaques and an open stone book remembers the men and women of Golders Green, Hampstead Garden Suburb and Childs Hill who died in the war

Middlesex Hospital Chapel

Mortimer Street, W1
020 7636 8333 (hospital)

transport: Goodge Street u/g; buses 10,24,29,73,134,390

opening: at all times as inside the hospital

this small hospital chapel has lovely stained glass windows. They show the glorified Christ adored by the sick and angels; Saint Joan; Saint George; Saint Alban and St Martin, and serve as a memorial to hospital staff killed in the war

War Memorial

Lord's Cricket Ground end of Prince Albert Road , NW1

transport: St John's Wood u/g ,Marylebone rail: buses 13,46,82,113,139,187,189,274

this attractive group of St George and the Dragon was erected in 1907. It later became a war memorial and bears the inscription 'To the men & women of St Mary-le-Bone who by their service & sacrifice for King & Country freely played their part in both world wars'

Viscount Wakefield of Hythe

41 Cooper's Row, EC3

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Piers

Viscount Hythe (1859-1941) endowed TOC H house at Poperinghe. The TOC H Movement was founded to perpetuate the Christian fellowship of the Talbot Houses at Poperinghe and Ypres in Belgium that had provided rest and recreation for troops temporarily withdrawn from the front line. TOC H is TH (Talbot House) in the army signallers' alphabet. This 1937 bronze medallion shows Viscount Hythe with a small TOC H lamp

London County Council School Memorial

Poplar Recreation Ground, between Hale Street and Woodstock Terrace, E14

transport: All Saints DLR; buses 15,D6,D7

a 1919 plaque has been laid on the site of a Gothic obelisk that now stands in Poplar Recreation Ground. The obelisk of Sicilian marble & Aberdeen granite, is topped with an angel and has a lists the 18 5-year olds killed when a bomb fell on their school in 1917

Southwark War Memorial

Borough High Street, SE1

transport: Borough u/g, London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,43,47,48,133,149,381

the bronze figure of a soldier with tin hat and rifle is shown marching through the mud. Figures of a knight in armour and a weeping woman and child complete this commemoration to the Men of St Saviours Southwark who gave their lives for the Empire 1914-18. Two bronze panels show battleships, and biplanes in aerial combat nearby is a wall mounted bronze memorial with sprays of hops remembering the Hopmen of London who were killed in the 1st World War. This is just along the road from the former malt and hop trading hall and exchange

Battle of Marne Memorial (La Deliverance)

Finchley Road and North Circular Road, NW11

transport: Finchley Central u/g; buses 82,102,232,260

this 1927 bronze by Emile Guillaume is of a naked girl on tiptoe with arms outstretched. It commemorates the German defeat at Marne in 1914

Gurkha Memorial

Horse Guards Avenue, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

this 7ft high bronze statue of a Gurkha soldier in 1st World War uniform was erected in 1997 and is by Philip Jackson. It lists the places and regiments of the Gurkha rifles who gave their lives in campaigns from India 1816 to Bosnia 1996. Its inscription reads 'bravest of the brave, most generous of the generous, never had country more faithful friends than you'

Guards Division Cenotaph

Horse Guards Road, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

this 1926 cenotaph of Portland stone is a memorial to those guardsmen killed in the 1st World War and those members of the Household Division who died in the 2nd World War. It stands 36ft high and weighs 170 tons and bears an inscription by the poet, Rudyard Kipling. Flanked

by bronze statues of guardsmen of five regiments (Scots, Welsh, Irish, Coldstream and Grenadier) that were cast from guns captured by the Guards. Bronze pieces of uniform and equipment including a reel of cable and box of ammunition add further interest

All Hallows by the Tower Church

Byward Street, Tower Hill, EC3R
020 7481 2928 www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Piers

facilities: audio tours (daily 11.00-16.00); disabled access to Church but not Undercroft; restaurant (Mon-Fri 10.00-22.30); shop; group tours by arrangement. Queen Mother Centre has herb garden

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-18.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-17.00
free admission to church

this is the guild church of the TOCH H Movement that was founded to perpetuate the Christian fellowship of the Talbot Houses at Poperinghe and Ypres in Belgium that had provided rest and recreation for troops temporarily withdrawn from the front line. TOC H is TH (Talbot House) in the army signallers' alphabet. The church contains the recumbent tomb of Thomas Byard Clayton (1885-1992), the founder of TOC H. He is shown dressed in padre's clothes holding a prayer book with his feet resting on a Scottie dog

Lords Cricket Ground/MCC Museum

St John's Wood Road, St John's Wood, NW8
020 7432 1033 www.lords.org

transport: St John's Wood u/g (10mins walk), Marylebone rail (15mins walk); buses 13,46,82,113,139,187,189,274
facilities: limited disabled access; library; restaurant and snacks nearby; shop for prints, books, souvenirs and cricket equipment; tours by arrangement

opening: daily except match days. Tours at noon & 14.00 (additional tour at 10.00 during summer) It is advisable to phone to check opening times
admission charge

this world famous cricket ground has an interesting museum on the history of the game with interesting photographs, portraits and pieces of equipment. It was founded in memory of all cricketers who lost their lives in the 1st World War

Royal Academy of Arts

Piccadilly, W1V
020 7300 8000 www.royalacademy.org.uk

transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14,15,19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159
facilities: acousti guides; disabled access; library by arrangement; restaurant; shop; tours (Tue-Fri 13.00)

opening: daily 10.00-18.00, last admission 17.30; Fri 10.00-20.30,
admission charge for exhibitions

a war memorial at this leading fine art academy is to the 2003 members of the Artists Rifles, 28th Battalion, The London Regiment killed in the 1st World War

Marshal Ferdinand Foch

facing Victoria Station, SW1

transport: Victoria u/g & rail; buses 8,11,16,24,38,52,73,82,148,185,211,239,C1,C10

this 1930 statue of Marshal Foch (1851-1929) mounted on his horse is inscribed 'I am conscious of having served England as I served my country'. Foch was one of the allied leaders of the 1st World War and this statue is a copy by G Mallisard of a statue in Cassel, France

Medical Officers Memorial (BMA)

British Medical Association courtyard, Tavistock Square, WC1

transport: Euston Square & Russell Square u/g, Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,24,29,59,68,73,91,134,168

intricate wrought-iron gates lead into a fountained courtyard and serve as a memorial to the medical officers who died in the 1st World War. The fountain, pool and statues were added as a 2nd World War memorial

Canadian Memorial

Green Park, Constitution Hill, SW1

transport: Victoria & Green Park u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,11,14,16,19,22,24,36,38,52,73,74,82,137,185,211,239,507, C1,C10

this war memorial of 1994 is formed from a pair of rose granite wedges angled one to the other with water flowing over the surfaces. The stone of the surfaces is etched with bronze fallen maple leaves. By Pierre Granche it is inscribed 'From dangers shared our friendship prospers' and is dedicated to the 1.6m Canadians who served with the British Forces in the 1st and 2nd World Wars

Royal Engineers Museum

Prince Arthur Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME4
01634 822839 www.royalengineers.org.uk

transport: Gillingham rail
facilities: monthly workshops for children, trails & quizzes; disabled access; parking; light refreshments; shop; tours by appointment (please telephone 01634 822251)

opening: daily Tue-Fri 10.00-17.00, Sat-Sun 11.30-17.00
admission charge

this museum specialises in the history of the Royal Engineers ('The Sappers'). It illustrates the development of the engineers in both war and peacetime and looks at aviation, diving, surveying, photography and bridge building using sound effects, working models, interactive displays and full size equipment. Among the collection there is a Brenna torpedo brought back from the Western Front during the 1st World War, and a display of medals including 25 Victoria and 3 George Crosses received by the Engineers for gallantry during conflicts

Australian War Memorial

Hyde Park Corner, W1

transport: Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

this modern war memorial (2003) stands on the island of Wellington Arch and although surrounded on all sides by busy road is not unduly affected by traffic noise. Designed by Janet Laurence it consists of granite pieces rising from the ground in a semi-circle with, in large letters, the names of battle sites overlying the smaller inscribed names of all the places where those Australians who died in both wars came from. Water flows over the slabs 'evoking memories of service, suffering & sacrifice'.

four polished slabs in the centre of the semi-circle show the insignia of Australia, the Royal Australian Air Force, the Australian Commonwealth Military Forces and the Royal Australian Navy

The Boy David

gardens facing Cadogan Pier, SW3

transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 19,49,239,319,345

this 1975 fibreglass statue has David standing with a sword above Goliath's head and is a memorial to the Machine Gun corps members who served in the 1st World War. It is by E Bainbridge Copnall

Royal Tank Regiment Memorial

the junction of Whitehall Place & Whitehall Court, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

placed here in 2002 this 9ft (2.7m) bronze by Vivien Mallock has five figures representing a 1945 comet tank crew. You can see the driver, the co-driver, gunner, loader and commander together with equipment. The plinth has an interpretation of the flag flown on General Elles's tank at the Battle of Cambrai in 1917 while arms of units are inserted in the pavement. The inscription reads 'In tribute to the crewmen who have served in Heavy Section & Heavy Branch Machine Gun Corps, Tank Corps Royal, Tank Corps & Royal Tank Regiment. Since tanks were first used in combat in September 1916'

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