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HERTS AT WAR 1915 - THE FORGOTTEN SECTOR

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Tour Dates 24-26 April 2015 - £350.00 per person

We are delighted to announce a brand new tour for 2015 in association with our partners at Herts at War. As a Hertfordshire based tour company with an interest in our county heritage and in particular the story of the 'Herts Guards' during the Great War, our new tour for 2015 will focus on the exploits of the 1st Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment in the lesser known Givenchy & Cuinchy Sectors during 1915. This tour will explore a mix of the most iconic sites and lesser known battlefields of the Great War, as experienced by the 1st Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment, the 'Herts Guards' throughout the fighting on the Western Front in 1915. With visits planned to locations such as Cuinchy Brickstacks, Le Touret Memorial, Festubert, Cuinchy, Bethune and Etaples on the agenda, it promises to be an exciting and interesting tour and an in depth study one Battalion's wartime journey a century ago.

Day 1

Led by expert guides, we pick-up from Hertfordshire and transfer to Calais via Dover. We head south to the Givenchy sector with a visit the iconic Le Touret Memorial en route before moving east to explore the battlefields around Richebourg and the Rue de Bois where the Hertfordshires spent Christmas 1914 and most of January 1915 including recounting the moving story of Lieutenant J H Snowdon. From here we traverse southwards along the 1915 trench lines to the Givenchy sector where the Herts were employed throughout February and March of 1915, supporting the Cuinchy Brickstacks attack of 6th February and later constructing the famous 'Hertford Street' Trench.

In the afternoon we move down the line to study the Guards Brigade attack at the battle of Festubert where the Hertfordshires supported the Irish Guards and earned the nickname '2nd Micks'.

We complete day 1 with a journey to our accommodation in the three star 'Lensotel' in the historic city of Lens.

Day 2

We spend the morning studying actions and the ground around the 'old La Basse Road' in the mid part of 1915 before heading back west to the historic city of Bethune, a real architectural gem and the 'home from home' of the Hertfordshire Regiment during the Great War. Our afternoon sees visits to Neuve Chapelle and the Aubers Ridge where we learn about the tactics and dispositions of the German Army in 1915 before returning to Lens for a free evening in the stunning city.



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Day 3

Leaving the hotel we head north-west to explore the diversionary attack that the 'Herts Guards' were involved in during September 1915 as part of the Loos Offensive. We also study the failed gas attack in September 1915 and the action in which Corporal Alfie Burt of Hertford earned his Victoria Cross, the first in the Regiment's history.

As we leave the Cuinchy sector we head due west for a final stop at the magnificent Etaples Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery before making our way back to the UK via the Calais-Dover Ferry and onwards to Hertfordshire.

Booking

If you would like to book your place on this tour please download and complete the booking form (see link below) and send to us with your deposit.

You can either send a cheque made payable to "Battle Honours Ltd", pay by BACS transfer (IBAN if overseas) both account details on bottom of booking form.

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